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June 23, 1955

1 - Mr. McArdle

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DIRECTOR, FBI

WAR PLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1955

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In my letter of June 20, 1955, I set forth a brief summary of the results of Bureau participation and experiences in Operation Alert 1955.

Enclosed is the final report on all phases except the cost element of Bureau participation in this test exercise. The cost figures are being expeditied and as soon as they are completed they will be made available to you.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. William P. Rogers (with enclosure)
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General (with enclosure)
William F. Tompkins

1 - Mr. John Althart (with enclosure)
Relocation Coordinator
Department of Justice

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**OPERATION ALERT 1955 (June 15, 16 and 17)
REPORT OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION**

OFFICIAL IN CHARGE

John Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI.

ESSENTIAL WARTIME FUNCTIONS

A great percentage of FBI wartime functions pertain to the internal security of the United States, and in time of emergency, this responsibility will be greatly intensified. The problems selected for testing in connection with Operation Alert 1955, all related to this primary responsibility of the FBI. All 51 problems previously planned by the FBI for this 3-day period were completed, as well as 16 problems presented to the FBI by outside agencies. During the course of this 3-day test, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Based on the receipt of simulated damage information from Federal Civil Defense Administration, many of the above contacts were made with FBI field offices at their relocation sites.

Because of our internal security responsibilities, the FBI cannot alter its essential wartime functions.

INTERAGENCY COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

Six FBI liaison Agents accompanied other agencies in the Executive branch of the Government to their relocation sites where they carried on liaison for the entire 3-day period. In addition thereto, other FBI liaison Agents were in direct contact with other agencies in the Executive branch of the Government who did not actually relocate during Operation Alert 1955.

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We were able to maintain contact with our liaison Agents at other relocation sites; however, delay was encountered in one instance in making contact with the liaison Agent [redacted] to its relocation site. A short delay was also encountered in one contact with the liaison Agent at the [redacted] its relocation site. Investigation disclosed that both difficulties were not at the FBI relocation site, but pertained to communications difficulties at the relocation site of the other agency.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The damage assessment information obtained from the Federal Civil Defense Administration by direct teletype was voluminous and contained considerable data which would have little or no direct value to FBI operations in a period of emergency. However, the information pertaining to Presidential directives, Executive orders, and information reflecting new regulations and procedures being placed into effect as well as the time a given area was evacuated, the time an area was bombed and the extent of bomb damage together with "fall out" information and weather conditions, which would reflect the direction of "fall out" and indicate the extent thereof, are extremely important to the FBI and its operations. This type of information will assist in carrying out our responsibilities; indicate which of our field offices are no longer tenable at headquarters city and will, to a great degree, indicate whether or not the selected relocation site of each of the offices is available and of value at the time. It will also indicate whether it is expedient to dispatch additional personnel to a given area to handle specific problems which may develop as a result of an evacuation, a bombing, or resultant "fall out." Of course, information as to basic medical resources, food stocks and water supply is important in any operation. With reference to radio transmitters and telecommunications exchanges, the FBI communications network has been engineered to operate independently of any outside source of power.

ADEQUACY OF SITE

The FBI relocation site is believed to be adequate for essential emergency operations insofar as floor space, living accommodations and office accommodations are concerned. There is no problem as to security at the relocation site inasmuch as the [redacted] during the course of Operation Alert 1955, maintained [redacted]

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COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, PROCEDURES AND PERSONNEL

The FBI relocation site is equipped with telephone, teletype, and [redacted] In the very near future, the FBI leg of the microwave network will be completed. It is believed that with the completion of this microwave installation, FBI communications facilities will be wholly adequate for communication between other Government agencies and FBI field installations. No difficulty or delay was encountered in communications between the FBI relocation site and FBI field installations during the course of this test operation. The FBI relocation site has an independent electrical power supply and, therefore, our radio facilities will be available for communications at all times short of demolition of the relocation site itself.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

All operations at the FBI relocation site follow standard administrative procedures used during normal operations at the Seat of Government. There was no shortage of technical and office equipment and supplies. There is maintained an adequate inventory of office equipment and supplies at the relocation site. These supplies are being replenished after Operation Alert 1955. It is believed that sufficient business machines and facilities are available at the relocation site and that administrative operations are adequate and complete.

FIELD TEST

The St. Louis office of the FBI participated in the evacuation of all premises occupied by the FBI in St. Louis. The St. Louis office, like all other offices of the FBI, was called upon to execute certain phases of various problems. Except for the initial contact with the St. Louis office during Operation Alert 1955, all other contacts and problems were worked out by St. Louis personnel at their emergency relocation site. As previously set forth, all 52 field offices of the FBI were contacted at least twice during the course of Operation Alert 1955 and, in addition thereto, [redacted] required some activity on the part of the Bureau field offices.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 6-17-55

FROM : CLYDE TOLSON

SUBJECT:

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The only reason the attached memorandum was not sent in to you is that the information concerning the courier service was already included in the brief containing plans for the test evacuation exercises which was previously forwarded to your office.

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 not "briefs" but
 of huge proportion.

War Plans - Emergency / H.C. 1955-1956
 For 5.9.55

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols ✓

FROM : J. J. McGuire

SUBJECT :

DATE: June 9, 1955

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For your information and the attention of those to whom copies of this memorandum are designated, I am attaching a copy of an outline of what courier service and messenger service there will be [] during Operation Alert on June 15, 16 and 17, 1955.

You will note that procedures have been set up in the Records Section to inventory material that is to be sent [] via courier service and we will log in the data both at Washington and [] in order to keep control, and we will also have armed Special Agents of the Crime Records Section accompany each courier trip; and in the event any special trips are required in the evening hours, the Records Section will have an Agent armed on duty in the Records Section together with a car and driver during the late evening hours to handle any request that may come up late in the evening.

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cc: Mr. Belmont, attn. Mr. McArdle
SAC []
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Medler
Mr. Wherry

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WAR PLANS EVACUATION [REDACTED]
6/15, 6/16 and 6/17/55 .

1. According to our plans the following listed will depart
[REDACTED] 6/15/55:

[REDACTED]

2. Courier Service has been set up so that there will be 7
scheduled trips between the Bureau [REDACTED] over the 3-day
period. One Wednesday, 6/15, and three each Thursday and Friday,
6/16 and 6/17, respectively. See schedule below.

Agent Guard 6/15
[REDACTED] Wednesday

" 6/16
[REDACTED] Thursday

" 6/17
[REDACTED] Friday

[REDACTED]

(The Courier Service will be on the alert and set up so
that Specials at any hour of the day can be delivered or picked up

3. Immediately upon arrival [REDACTED] Records Section's
Headquarters will be established in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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4. In order to provide files services it is planned to log all files out of the Bureau [] on a separate register and to duplicate this action [] to insure security of files being moved to the relocation site. The "loose mail" traveling between the Bureau [] will be placed in sealed manila envelopes in our Messenger Unit and forwarded in locked boxes to the relocation site. The messenger service at [] will then deliver the envelope to the interested official. It is suggested that this device be used for return mail to the Bureau. All types of memoranda and correspondence that must travel [] will pass through the Messenger sorting rack at the Bureau. It is here where we plan to place the material in the sealed envelopes marked for the appropriate official []

5. All of the employees listed as evacuees and their alternates have been briefed regarding their activities on the day the alert will be sounded. As you know, all evacuees or their [] outside room 1541 where they will be checked and accounted for. []

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 6/20/55

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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While talking to Herbert Hoover, Jr. on other matters Saturday he started commiserating about Operation Alert and the so-called interlopers. His remarks were being directed at Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) and their so-called empire building tactics which I quite frankly egged on a little.

He wondered how we got along. I told him that so far as our operation was concerned we got along very good although at one time State tried to get in touch with us and were told by ODM switchboard operator that we were not participating. When we ran this down, we found out that what the operator had in mind was that we were not participating on the microwave network and the operator did not have sense enough to try to get us on the telephone.

Herb stated that he felt that one thing that was absolutely necessary was to provide a communication network for the action agencies which would include [redacted] and one or two others, and take the action agencies out from under [redacted] controls and communication facilities; that [redacted] could handle the so-called non-essential operations. I told Herb that there, of course, were a lot of problems; that he might have an idea that would warrant further study. He stated that he felt very definite about this; that he was still burning over [redacted] and that he personally was going to take this matter up with the President. While he was somewhat guarded, I would gather that he has pretty well sized up Arthur Flemming. I know that his father does not have too much patience with Flemming.

cc - Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: June 15, 1955

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: REPAIRS ON TELETYPE EQUIPMENT

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Boardman ✓
Nichols ✓
Belmont ✓
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Rosen ✓
Tamm ✓
 Sizoo ✓
Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Holloman ✓
Gandy ✓

While discussing other matters with the Director this morning, I mentioned necessary repairs made on teletype equipment. By way of explanation, upon attempting to transmit teletype acknowledgment to [redacted] at 10:24 p.m., June 14, 1955, the tape "feeder" to machine failed to function properly. Call immediately placed repair office, Richmond, and repair man arrived [redacted]. He departed 1:15 a.m. Trouble lay in Richmond office (telephones) failing to furnish sufficient voltage for machine. No messages missed in view of two additional teletype machines on hand for usage. This incident will be discussed with Telephone Company, along with any other incidents that arise during test.

At 9:30 a.m., June 15, 1955, SAC [redacted] for test purposes. As result of overloaded line, fuse blew out on teletype machine installed by [redacted]. Fuse immediately substituted and no messages lost because of fifteen minute interruption. This machine installed on Monday, June 13, 1955, & following completion [redacted] on Tuesday, June 14, 1955, this was [redacted]. Survey will be made to determine need for additional power which will support this added machine when [redacted].

Director not advised of above incidents prior to my call because equipment immediately repaired, no messages lost, and both incidents occurred during "testing period" prior to beginning of actual alert. A careful log is being kept on all such incidents. Director will be immediately advised of any breakdown in equipment.

ACTION: For information

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(4)CC - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Wherry

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BELMONT *6-22-55*

DATE: June 16, 1955

FROM : D. J. PARSONS *D*

SUBJECT: REPAIR OF TELETYPE EQUIPMENT

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 Tele. Room ☒
 Holloman ☒
 Gandy ☒

Mr. Nichols' memorandum of June 15, 1955, furnished detailed information concerning a fuse which blew out on the teletype machine installed by [redacted] on June 14, 1955. This memorandum stated that a survey would be conducted to determine the need [redacted]

[redacted] The Director commented, "Do so. H." *16-11*

The survey has been completed and [redacted] is necessary nor did the fuse blow as a [redacted]. The reason for the difficulty was a defective fuse which was replaced and no further trouble was encountered on either regular or emergency power.

ACTION: None. For information.

1- Mr. Belmont
Mr. DeLoach

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WASHINGTON REPORT

BY EULTON LEWIS, JR.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WASHINGTON, June 23--President Eisenhower reflected the thinking of most reporters when he told the press during "Operation Alert-1955" that he had never thought so many complications could develop and that he was "convinced the job could have been done much better."

Here in Washington the "exercises" are being referred to as "Operation Foul-up" or "Operation Goof-off," evidencing the frustration felt by so many newsmen who covered the mass evacuation of key government workers from the city.

Initially, reporters arriving at the emergency press headquarters showed remarkable restraint in going along with the simulated atomic attack and attempted to play the news with all seriousness.

It soon became evident, however, that some of the officials and many of the key government workers were conducting themselves as though on a picnic. The emergency press headquarters, through which all information from the 31 relocation centers of the Government was supposed to flow, was running from 2 to 10 hours behind New York and Washington news rooms.

Murray Snyder, Assistant News Secretary for the President, was up until one a.m. the first night of Operation Alert trying to persuade some of the Administration's top brass to hold news conferences at the emergency headquarters so that the reporters would have something to write about.

To many reporters, it appeared that most of the 15,000 Federal workers assigned to evacuate at the first sound of the siren regarded "Operation Alert - 1955" as nothing more than a lark--a chance to get away for a couple of days.

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Officials insist that much routine work was done at the relocation centers, but this can not be proved. As a matter of fact, several trucks carrying office files and supplies arrived at the wrong places and were hours late getting to their proper destinations. Some workers were lost, the inevitable result of operations which left it to the individuals to find their own way. Most of this confusion came from too casual briefing or lack of planning for the actual field activities.

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BY FULTON LEWIS, JR.

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The ebullient Val Peterson, Administrator of Civil Defense, used every opportunity to claim success for Operation Alert, but failed to substantiate his claims. Further, he quoted figures on casualties and damage prepared weeks in advance of the test and his own bureau's reports clearly established that it had assumed that the Defense Department had failed to intercept many of the "enemy" bombers with our own fighters or guided missiles.

Perhaps the prime purpose of Operation Alert was to strike fear in the hearts of most Americans and thus bring about more serious interest in Civil Defense. If so, Mr. Peterson failed miserably since it is generally agreed that the exercises were less than successful and impressed no one.

The one man in Washington with gumption enough to call upon the Civil Defense Administration to postpone Operation Alert was fired from his unpaid, volunteer job. John Garrett Underhill, Deputy District Civil Defense Director, was sacked after publicly stating that Federal civil defense policies were disastrous.

Underhill contended that "it is shameful that this dreadful exhibition has been staged before all the world."

"The embassies and legations of our allies, as well as the Communists," he said, "have had grandstand seats to observe the incompetence of Civil Defense leadership, the lack of well-laid policies and plans and the almost total absence of Civil Defense cooperation by the people."

Underhill appears to make sense, for it is almost impossible to have the public take some of the Civil Defense Administration's alarms seriously when their own officials seem confused by conflicting orders and recommendations.

Summed up, Operation Alert was less than successful and as one wag at the emergency press headquarters put it, Underhill's analysis of the situation prior to the exercises proved to be correct.

Perhaps the wrong man was fired.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 20, 1955

FROM : R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS - OPERATION ALERT
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[redacted] Attorney General at [redacted]

6:00 p.m. 6-15-55 to 4:50 p.m. 6-16-55. Deputy Attorney General Rogers 12:35 p.m. 6-15-55 until 7:00 p.m. 6-16-55. Assistant Attorney General Tompkins arrived at [redacted] during the evening of 6-14-55 and remained until 1:15 p.m. 6-17-55. Department almost exclusively worked on its own internally prepared problems. Test problems prepared by Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) for the Department were evidently handled by Rankin at the [redacted]. Department test problems were simple in nature, and primarily communications checks. Deputy Attorney General Rogers commented favorably re FBI alertness in requesting Department opinion on declaration of martial law. Rogers expressed the opinion that the Department portfolio re "Essential Wartime Functions" not widely enough studied by responsible Department personnel. ODM observers report on Department operation generally favorable, major objection being Rankin's [redacted] resulting in blocking ODM problems for the Department. John Airhart, Department Relocation Officer, critical of operation from standpoint of carrying out divisional responsibilities realistically. Airhart advised the ODM observer that for the purpose of the test it made little difference whether problems for the Department were handled by Rankin at [redacted].

ACTION:

None. For your information. V.

DETAILS:JJD:mlp
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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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- 1 - Mr. McArdle
- 1 - Mr. Daunt

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[redacted] of Deputy Attorney General William Rogers during this three-day exercise. Office space was adequate but left a lot to be desired. Living accommodations were made available at the [redacted] several blocks from the [redacted]

Bureau liaison representative arrived at the Department site at 10:30 a.m. 6-15-55, Assistant Attorney General Tompkins was then at the site having arrived on the evening of 6-14-55. Tompkins remained at [redacted] until 1:15 p.m. on 6-17-55. Deputy Attorney General Rogers arrived 12:35 p.m. 6-15-55 and left [redacted] on the evening of 6-16-55. The Attorney General arrived at [redacted] 6:00 p.m. 6-15-55 and left the site for Washington, D. C., on 6-16-55 at 4:50 p.m. after returning from a meeting [redacted] On Thursday evening, 6-16-55, Department personnel was reduced by 50% and returned to Washington. The site closed down except for a communications operator and administrative personnel loading furniture and files for return to Washington, D. C., at 1:30 p.m. 6-17-55.

Test Problems

The Department almost exclusively worked on their own test problems planned by the Civil, Legal, and Internal Security Divisions, the [redacted] They had a total of [redacted] of which were completed at the conclusion of the exercise. Primarily these were communications checks utilizing radio, teletype, and telephone. Included in the Department's exercise was a [redacted] The Civil Division of the Department made several requests of the FBI for information to be obtained by our field offices. The completion of these requests was simulated by contact with our FBI liaison [redacted]

Except for the communications people, the personnel at the Department relocation site were not engaged in test problems except for a few hours on the first day of the test. Their own prepared problems were simple in nature and no problems were received from [redacted] as had been anticipated. The latter was due to Assistant Attorney General Rankin's presence [redacted] having handled [redacted] exercises for the Department [redacted]

On 6-16-55 at 9:15 a.m. Deputy Attorney General William Rogers called for a division heads conference which was attended by the Bureau liaison representative. The purpose of the conference was to

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report on the status of problems being worked at that time. Rogers was furnished a general briefing concerning FBI progress. During this meeting Rogers commented on the alertness of the FBI in promptly referring [redacted]

In addition, he commented that the Department's portfolio re "Essential Wartime Functions" for the purpose of future tests and certainly in anticipation of any emergency should be more widely studied by essential Department personnel. He pointed out that such was lacking for this test.

At 10:30 p.m. on the same date Rogers called a meeting of all personnel for the purpose of briefing them on conditions [redacted] [redacted] This, according to Rogers, would be necessary in a real emergency in view of the natural and intense curiosity that relocated personnel would have.

Observations

The Department's Message Center which was set up to control all incoming and outgoing messages, both to route incoming and approve outgoing, did not function as well as expected. Experience proved that information obtained via telephone by high level Department officials was not always routed to the Message Center and in other cases, when made available, was considerably delayed. In addition, single copies of incoming communications from teletype and radio proved a problem since they were routed through the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General for information and finally to the Action Officer. Often a considerable delay was involved here.

There was little dictation. Most intra-Department messages and outgoing messages by teletype and radio were written in longhand. Only one switchboard operator was brought to the site and she proved to be slow and confused. Encoding and decoding of messages caused great delay due to inexperienced personnel.

Robert Hailey of [redacted], who is assigned as the [redacted] observer at the site, advised that his report on the Department's operation would be generally favorable, that his biggest objection would be the presence of Rankin [redacted] which resulted in the cutting out of [redacted] problems for the [redacted] In addition, Hailey was well aware of the failure of the Message Center to function properly and thus the lack of a single center to coordinate all activity. Hailey felt that the number of completed problems proved a sound test of the Department's communications at [redacted]

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John Airhart, Relocation Officer, Department of Justice, advised after receiving Hailey's oral report on 6-17-55 that Hailey's remarks had been generally favorable and that he himself, Airhart, would have been much more critical of the Department operation. Airhart's disappointment stemmed from the fact that many of those with assigned responsibilities carelessly handled same or did so unrealistically, that beyond the overall Department planning there was very little Divisional planning. He pointed out that although all Divisions had been notified several times of the necessity of a final report on the status of problems prior to leaving the site the Legal and Civil Divisions of the Department failed to make such reports prior to their departure. He commented that the Message Center was never fully cognizant with the status of all problems as it was intended it should be. He stated that Hailey, the [redacted] observer, was very interested in Rankin's assigned duties [redacted] and discussed this with Hailey at some length. According to Airhart, he told Hailey that it made little difference from the standpoint of this test whether [redacted] problems for the Department were handled by Rankin [redacted] or the Department [redacted]

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Above the 'K', the word 'used' written in cursive.

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JUN 14 1955.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of Defense,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have been advised that the [redacted]
[redacted] has indicated that a [redacted]

[redacted] In view of the fact that the
Department of Justice relocation site is located
at [redacted] and the FBI relocation
site is at [redacted]

If the above arrangement can be confirmed,
including the period of the [redacted] it
would facilitate present planning for emergency
situations.

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Sincerely yours,

SDE:ljf:jdd
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Cover memo to Mr. Boardman from Mr. Belmont 6-11-55, SDE:ljf.
Cover memo to Attorney General from Director 6-13-55, SDE:ljf;jdd.

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Attorney General.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

DATE: June 22, 1955

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH *RR*SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT
JUNE 1955

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 Gandy _____

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Liaison Agent Bates accompanied the [redacted]

[redacted] to its [redacted]
 [redacted] on June 15, 1955. The [redacted] is quartered in [redacted]
 which is a [redacted]

[redacted] Shortly after
 arriving, Bates contacted the Bureau relocation headquarters via
 telephone [redacted] There was an [redacted]

The [redacted] problem during this test was based on the [redacted]

[redacted]
 [redacted]
 [redacted] These areas were then instructed
 to assess the damage caused and advise the [redacted] immediately of the
 damage to production as well as personnel and recommendations for
 continuing production through other means. It was also assumed
 [redacted]

In any such emergency the first move by the [redacted]

11:00 P.M., on June 15, 1955, the [redacted]

CWB:fjb
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- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Bates

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Liaison

Memo to Mr. Belmont
from Mr. Roach

RE: OPERATION ALERT, JUNE, 1955
[redacted]

Liaison Agent Bates attended all meetings during the three-day period and was thoroughly briefed on the handling of the [redacted] problem. On Friday afternoon, June 17, 1955, a meeting was held for comments regarding the three-day exercise. The following comments were made:

1. The [redacted] problem, while offering good experience, should in any future test include other phases of the [redacted] program and should be more complicated.

2. [redacted]
[redacted]

3. [redacted]
[redacted]

4. [redacted]
[redacted]

5. [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] Referral/Consult

ACTION:

None. This is submitted for your information.

gmv
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Q ✓
H

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *LB*

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - RELOCATION SITE

DATE: June 23, 1955 *JP/ma*

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Reference my memorandum to you June 21, 1955, under the caption

"which related"

Road

#1

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1 - Mr. Boardman

1 - Mr. J. F. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Belmont

2 - Mr. Ellis

1 - Mr. McArdle

1 - Liaison Section

1 - Mr. Woods

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*Summary
 sent up
 full per
 Liaison*

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

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The following

[Redacted]

All of the above

[Redacted]

The nearest

[Redacted]

REMARKS:

If it is deemed advisable to consider

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Office covering this territory, who are thoroughly familiar with this territory and have the necessary security considerations available to them.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

It is being suggested that we promptly check with [redacted]
[redacted] to to determine
their availability.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That through Liaison we check with [redacted]
[redacted]

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2. That we check with the [redacted]
[redacted]

VK

RZ

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: June 15, 1955

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: INITIAL RADIO MESSAGE TO 10 FIELD OFFICES
[redacted] 6/15/55

Tolson ✓
Boardman ✓
Nichols ✓
Belmont ✓
Harbo ✓
Mohr ✓
Parsons ✓
Rosen ✓
Tamm ✓
Sizoo ✓
Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Holloman ✓
Gandy ✓

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As a matter of interest, the following initial radio message in connection with Operations Alert was sent to ten field offices:

[redacted]

This message was received in the Code Room at 12:20 p.m. and was sent to the [redacted] radio station at [redacted]. The delivery times to the various offices were as follows:

[redacted]

(ALL EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME)

Why is this latest of all when it is the relay point?
Ck.

The above times are believed excellent, particularly in view of the fact that [redacted]

[redacted] received their messages direct from

[redacted] our radio stations near Washington.

CDD:FML
(4)CC: Mr. Belmont
Mr. Wherry

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: June 15, 1955

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS *frs*SUBJECT: INITIAL RADIO MESSAGE TO 10 FIELD OFFICES
[redacted] 6/15/55

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Harbo	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

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In connection with my earlier memorandum today, attached, setting out the delivery times of the initial radio message to 10 field offices, the Director inquired why [redacted] was the latest of all when it was the relay point.

The [redacted] radio station [redacted] had to deliver the message to six offices by radio in addition to delivering it to the [redacted] office by teletype. The message was received at [redacted] during a time of the day when radio signals are normally very good and [redacted] radio station put all of its personnel to attempting to deliver the message by radio as soon as possible to the other six offices before radio conditions (weather - atmospheric conditions) could change, knowing that they would experience no difficulty in getting the message into the San Diego office by teletype.

ACTION: For information

CDD:FML
(5)CC - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mason
Mr. Wherry

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TO : MR. NICHOLS *[initials]*

DATE: June 16, 1955

FROM : C. D. DeLOACH

SUBJECT: TELETYPE COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 DeLoach _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

We have been receiving a steady stream of teletype messages addressed to the Government network over the [redacted] which was installed just prior to the current operation. Yesterday, at approximately 4:40 p.m. the [redacted] called us on one of our toll teletype machines and repeated some 22 wires which we had already received over the [redacted]. This tied up one of our [redacted] at times we could have been using it to send messages to the field offices.

In addition to the above usage of one of our machines, we noted that in messages coming in over the [redacted] there were no numbers assigned at first but yesterday they began numbering the messages. Numbers 58 and 59 received at 11:16 p.m. on the 15th, Number 73 received at 2:17 a.m. on the 16th, and Number 98 received at 7:49 a.m. on the 16th contained garbles. By teletype, we requested repeats on these messages. None of these repeats had been received as of 10:45 this morning. Communications Chief Wherry called [redacted] by telephone and pointed out the uselessness of tying up our machine and the failure to send the mentioned repeats. They have now stopped utilizing our machine. As of 12:30 p.m. today, we still had not received the repeat messages. Another request has been sent.

Also, we have received one unnumbered, encoded teletype message from [redacted] which contains garbles and on which we have been unable to obtain corrections. This particular message is not addressed to the Bureau but is addressed to the Justice Department. We wish to have it decoded and made available for the Bureau's information. Corrections to this message have been requested.

We will continue to follow these items.

ODD:EEN:fml
 (4)

CC - Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Wherry

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 15, 1955 *15*FROM : R. R. Roach *6/27/55*SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1955
JUNE 15-16-17, 1955

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Harbo	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

At 12:45 p.m. a call was placed to Agent Woods, the Bureau's liaison representative with the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) at [redacted]. At 2:18 p.m. contact was made with Woods and he was instructed to appropriately notify ODM that the Bureau had become operational at its relocation site [redacted] at 11:15 a.m. Woods stated that he would immediately pass this information on to General Paul, who is handling such matters.

Woods advised that the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General Rogers had arrived at 2:10 p.m. and the President had preceded them and had arrived at approximately 2 p.m. Woods stated that he had occasion to talk to the Attorney General and Rogers and extended all possible courtesies. Woods was told, of course, to keep alert and let the Bureau know as soon as he could determine that the Attorney General had signed appropriate orders that we could go ahead with our pick-up program. Woods stated that he would keep constantly alert and would call the Bureau as soon as he had learned anything.

I inquired of Woods why it was not possible to reach him at 12:45 p.m. and I told him that the Bureau was informed that he did not answer a page call which was made at the time of this call. Instructions were left with ODM for Woods to call me. He did not return the call and another call was placed to him at 2:04 p.m. At 2:18 p.m. Woods made contact with the Bureau. Woods explained that he was available at Extension 61, a location where he could be reached at all times.

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Agent Woods stated that there is so much noise and confusion re communications messages at [redacted] that it is difficult for anyone to know when he is called. He stated it is nearly impossible to understand the many page calls being put out. Woods emphasized the fact that he was available at all times but that he was not called to answer the phone at the time in question. Woods stated that in order to make sure that he received promptly the calls from the Bureau, he would stay within arm's length of the telephone extension designated for him and would not trust that messages be called to his attention by the paging system; further, that he would immediately inquire to see why the call was not given to him upon its original receipt at [redacted].

ACTION: The above is submitted for your information.

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RRR:lw

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1-Mr. Belmont 1-Mr. Roach
1-Mr. McArdle 1-Switchboard

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This is a most unusual situation. He should stay where he can be reached.

Bureau War Plans - Emergency Headquarters for U.S.S.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/18/55

FROM : MR. R. T. HARBO *RTH*SUBJECT: WAR PLANS SURVEY
RELOCATION SITE

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Belmont	✓
Harbo	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

Pursuant to your instructions, Inspectors J. E. Edwards and G. A. Nease visited [redacted] on 6/17/55. An examination was made of the interior and facilities of [redacted]

[redacted] and a survey was also made of various other properties consisting of [redacted]

[redacted] Access to facilities arranged by [redacted]

[redacted] through the premises.

Facilities of [redacted]

[redacted] considered to be in fairly good condition and could be put to residence and office use with reasonable renovation. The [redacted] and is adaptable to conversion for use of stenographers and file room. [redacted]

Descriptions of buildings are as follows:

1. [redacted]

This building consists of [redacted] with very inadequate closet space. The structure is in [redacted]

cc-Messrs. Belmont

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Mohr

Harbo

Mason

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

2. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The floors in this building appear to be sound, having been replaced in the past ten years. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This structure might be used for living quarters and office space, [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The latter two rooms might be used for executive office space with suitable partitioning and rearrangement of floor plan. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The furnishings were sparse but presentable maple furniture. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

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This building is in good condition and could be used for sleeping quarters and limited office space with reasonable renovation.

5. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] only presents usable space consisting of large, well-lighted reading room and small library. Addition to back of building only partially finished with cement floor and cinder-block walls which might be converted to file room use.

As indicated the reading room, as presently exists, might be used for stenographic or office space. Balance of premises would require ^{major} renovation.

6. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] suitable only for storage.

7. [REDACTED]

CONCLUSIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

I agree

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I concur
J.

←

J. H. R. 7-1

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. R. R. ROACH *R*

DATE: June 27, 1955

FROM : B. A. Wells *BAW*SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS - *EMERGENCY PLANS - 11/1/55*
SELECTION OF SITE *FOR 506*
Tipple

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____ <i>b7E</i>
Gandy	_____

Referral/Consult

ACTION:

None. For your information.

BAW:lw *lw*
(5)

1-Section Tickler
 1-Mr. Roach
 1-Mr. Wells
 1-Mr. McArdle

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*L. J. [Signature]**124*
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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *LB*

DATE: June 20, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - NEW RELOCATION SITE

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 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont ☒
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
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 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

Reference is made to airtel from the SAC, Norfolk, dated 6/15/55 captioned "Survey for New Relocation Site." Mr. Boardman has requested a memorandum on this situation.

[redacted] is one of the sites which was surveyed in connection with the Bureau's search for a new relocation site. Pursuant to Mr. Tolson's instructions an airtel was dispatched to the SAC [redacted]

[redacted] be discreetly contacted to ascertain the possibility of the Bureau's making arrangements for [redacted] at this time with the possibility [redacted]

As is pointed out in referenced airtel, [redacted] stated that it would be [redacted]

Mature consideration of [redacted] as a relocation site indicates that it is [redacted] at this time.

Attached is an airtel to the SAC [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel to the SAC [redacted] go forth.

JEM:mmm
 (5)

1 Mr. Boardman
 1 Mr. Belmont
 1 Section Tickler
 1 Mr. McArdle

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Handwritten signatures and initials:
 LIAISON
 MCARDLE
 [initials]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - OPERATION ALERT
JUNE 15, 16, 17, 1955

DATE: June 14, 1955

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Belmont _____
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Gandy _____

Attached hereto is a summary and chart showing communication facilities the Bureau will have [redacted] with the alternate headquarters of other government agencies as set forth in [redacted]

It is noted that the telephone is not a classified means of communication and must not be used to discuss classified information.

It is also noted that the instructions require, in order to distinguish training or exercise messages and telephone conversations from bona fide messages and conversations, that the text of such messages and communications begin and end with the identifying word [redacted]

All inter-agency teletypes must carry a priority. We suggest the priority Routine be used unless conditions indicate a higher priority should be used. Telephone calls will be placed direct wherever possible. Copies of this summary have been furnished to the Domestic Intelligence Division (Mr. McArdle) and to the Communications Section for the use of the relocation staff who will be [redacted]

Supplements to this information will be issued as the information is received from ODM or the Communications Coordinator of the inter-agency communications network. There is nothing in the [redacted] instructions calling for [redacted]. Since the Bureau's microwave equipment is not in operation, we will be unable to participate in any inter-agency contact through the [redacted] The Justice Department [redacted]

However, in lieu of exchanging traffic the Bureau's radio station [redacted] will listen for any calls from the Justice station and will acknowledge any calls of a test nature which the Department radio setup might make. [redacted]

Enclosures (2)

CC: Mr. Boardman (with enclosures)
CC: Mr. Belmont (with enclosures)
CC: Mr. Wherry (with enclosures)

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INTER AGENCY COMMUNICATION FACILITIES

FOR OPERATION ALERT JUNE 15, 16, 17, 1955

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Agencies other than F.B.I. participating in OPERATION ALERT are listed on attached chart showing communication facilities we will have at [] with the alternate headquarters of other participating agencies.

TELEPHONE AND TELETYPE

We may communicate with other agencies directly if we wish where their telephone and teletype numbers have been listed in []
[] We can communicate with some agencies only through []
Many of the agencies may be contacted either directly or through []

An "X" in the [] means we can communicate with the agency only through [] An "X" in the []
[] via the method listed in column heading. An "X" in []
[]

The telephone is not a classified means of communication and must not be used to discuss classified information.

To distinguish training or exercise messages and telephone conversations from bona fide messages and conversations the text of all such messages and conversations will begin and end with the identifying word [] the meaning of which is []

Inter-agency teletypes must contain a precedence (priority).

The precedences in their descending order are:-



Since some agencies plan to handle material other than exercise traffic during OPERATION ALERT it is suggested that we use the precedence ROUTINE unless conditions indicate we should use a higher precedence.

Any inter-agency teletypes containing material of a classified nature must bear the appropriate classification.

6-13-55

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ENCLOSURE

To avoid confusion resulting from military communication's procedures all agencies have been instructed to use during the test exercise the Communications Section will send all teletype traffic through [redacted] where practical and possible.

Telephone calls will be placed direct where possible.

CODED MESSAGES

The F.B.I. and all agencies listed under [redacted] column have been furnished, for the purposes of this test only, with common machine code facilities. Messages encoded in the machine code may be sent directly to one of these agencies if we have their relocation site teletype number - indicated by an "X" in the [redacted]

All agencies listed have been furnished, for the purposes of this test only, with code pads. Only the [redacted] can break the individual agencies' code pad messages.

We may direct machine code messages to any agency participating in the test by sending the messages to the [redacted] in machine code. If the addressee does not have machine code the [redacted] will automatically decode the messages, recode and transmit them to the addressee.

6-13-55

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The Attorney General

June 16, 1955

Director, FBI

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~~War Plans - Cryptographic procedures~~

The lack of a cryptographic system between the Department of Justice and the FBI could very well be an extremely severe handicap during a period of actual emergency.

The lack of such a system makes it almost mandatory that [redacted] Department and the FBI by courier service which is both time consuming and expensive. I feel that in the interests of security a cryptographic system which would permit the Department of Justice and the FBI to communicate without having to go through a third party is most essential. I feel that this matter should be given immediate attention.

CC - Mr. William T. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General (1)

Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins (1)

JEM:amc:tlc (0)

(See memo to Boardman from Belmont, 6/15/55
re War Plans - Operation Alert 1955 - June 15, 16-17)
JEM:amc:tlc

- Tolson _____
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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 14, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1955
June 15, 16, 17

Tolson ✓
Boardman ✓
Nichols ✓
Belmont ✓
Harbo ✓
Mohr ✓
Parsons ✓
Rosen ✓
Tamm ✓
 Sizoo ✓
Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Holloman ✓
Gandy ✓

Mr. Nichols has raised two questions:

(1) Is there a code system by which the FBI can communicate with Justice Department by radio, teletype, or telephone?

There is

(2) Mr. Nichols inquired as

JEM:mlp:fjm 2m

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cc

Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Nichols
Mr. McArdle
Liaison Section

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LIAISON

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Emergency Headquarters
FBI
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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

[redacted]
memo dated 6/9/55, and furnished to the Bureau on 6/13/55. The date of 4/28/55. refers to [redacted] to 4/28/55, exact date unknown, but more recent than 5/16/55, because the cover memo refers to prior [redacted] 5/13 and 5/16/55. The date 4/28/55, therefore does not apply to this document.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

But why didn't
our liaison
know about it?

gms

DR 2 I would like to
know. Our liaison at

[redacted]

H.

[redacted]

H.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *6-28-55*

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1955

DATE: June 22, 1955

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Office of Defense Mobilization instructions state that a preliminary report should be submitted by June 24, 1955, and the final report submitted by June 29, 1955. These instructions also reflect that the value of information [redacted] should be submitted by July 15, 1955.

Mr. John Airhart, Relocation Coordinator of the Department has advised that the Department is desirous of submitting one over-all report for all agencies within the Department and has requested that the FBI submit their report or reports to the Department of Justice.

Enclosed is the over-all and final report with the exception of the cost involved in Operation Alert 1955 for submission to the Department and incorporation in their report to the Office of Defense Mobilization.

The Administrative Division is expediting the cost figures involved in this test exercise and upon completion they will be submitted to the Department.

There is enclosed a memorandum to the Attorney General with copies for Mr. Rogers and Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Airhart enclosing the FBI report on Operation Alert 1955.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the enclosed memorandum to the Attorney General and report of Operation Alert 1955 go forth.

Enclosure

JEM:lm

(7)

- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Section Tickler
- 1 - Mr. McArdle

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

June 22, 1955 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 4/15/2010

OPERATION ALERT 1955 (June 15, 16 and 17)
REPORT OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION

OFFICIAL IN CHARGE

John Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI.

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ESSENTIAL WARTIME FUNCTIONS

A great percentage of FBI wartime functions pertain to the internal security of the United States, and in time of emergency, this responsibility will be greatly intensified. The problems selected for testing in connection with Operation Alert 1955, all related to this primary responsibility of the FBI. All 31 problems previously planned by the FBI for this 3-day period were completed, as well as 16 problems presented to the FBI by outside agencies. During the course of this 3-day test, [redacted]

[redacted] based on the receipt of simulated [redacted] information from Federal Civil Defense Administration, many of the above contacts were made with FBI field offices at their relocation sites.

Because of our internal security responsibilities, the FBI cannot alter its essential wartime functions.

INTERAGENCY COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

Six FBI liaison agents accompanied other agencies in the Executive branch of the Government to their relocation sites where they carried on liaison for the entire 3-day period. In addition thereto, other FBI liaison agents were in direct contact with other agencies in the Executive branch of the Government who did not actually relocate during Operation Alert 1955.

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ENCLOSURE

~~TOP SECRET~~

We were able to maintain contact with our liaison Agents at other relocation sites; however, delay was encountered in one instance in making contact with the liaison Agent [redacted] to its relocation site. A short delay was also encountered in one contact with the liaison Agent at the [redacted] its relocation site. Investigation disclosed that both difficulties were not at the FBI relocation site, but pertained to communications difficulties at the relocation site of the other agency.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The damage assessment information obtained from the Federal Civil Defense Administration by direct teletype was voluminous and contained considerable data which would have little or no direct value to FBI operations in a period of emergency. However, the information pertaining to Presidential directives, Executive orders, and information reflecting new regulations and procedures being placed into effect as well as the time a given area was evacuated, the time an area was bombed and the extent of bomb damage together with "fall out" information and weather conditions, which would reflect the direction of "fall out" and indicate the extent thereof, are extremely important to the FBI and its operations. This type of information will assist in carrying out our responsibilities; indicate which of our field offices are no longer tenable at headquarters city and will, to a great degree, indicate whether or not the selected relocation sites of each of the offices is available and of value at the time. It will also indicate whether it is expedient to dispatch additional personnel to a given area to handle specific problems which may develop as a result of an evacuation, a bombing, or resultant "fall out." Of course, information as to basic medical resources, food stocks and water supply is important in any operation. With reference to radio transmitters and telecommunications exchanges, the FBI communications network has been engineered to operate independently of any outside source of power.

ADEQUACY OF SITE

The FBI relocation site is believed to be adequate for essential emergency operations insofar as floor space, living accommodations and office accommodations are concerned. There is no problem as to security at the relocation site inasmuch as the [redacted]

[redacted] during the course of Operation
Alert 1955, maintained [redacted]

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COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES. PROCEDURES. NO DISSEM.

The FBI relocation site is equipped with telephone, teletype, and [redacted] In the very near future, the FBI leg of the microwave network will be completed. It is believed that with the completion of this microwave installation, FBI communications facilities will be wholly adequate for communication between other Government agencies and FBI field installations. No difficulty or delay was encountered in communications between the FBI relocation site and FBI field installations during the course of this test operation. The FBI relocation site has an independent electrical power supply and, therefore, our radio facilities will be available for communications at all times short of demolition of the relocation site itself.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

All operations at the FBI relocation site follow standard administrative procedures used during normal operations at the Seat of Government. There was no shortage of technical and office equipment and supplies. There is maintained an adequate inventory of office equipment and supplies at the relocation site. These supplies are being replenished after Operation Alert 1955. It is believed that sufficient business machines and facilities are available at the relocation site and that administrative operations are adequate and complete.

FIELD TEST

The St. Louis office of the FBI participated in the evacuation of all premises occupied by the FBI in St. Louis. The St. Louis office, like all other offices of the FBI, was called upon to execute certain phases of various problems. Except for the initial contact with the St. Louis office during Operation Alert 1955, all other contacts and problems were worked out by St. Louis personnel at their emergency relocation site. As previously set forth, all 52 field offices of the FBI were contacted at least twice during the course of Operation Alert 1955 and, in addition thereto, [redacted] required some activity on the part of the Bureau field offices.

~~TOP SECRET~~



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 27, 1955

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Sizoo _____
Mr. W. J. Harrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In regard to the relocation test conducted yesterday,
it is believed that the [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

W. H.

(2) [redacted]

[redacted]

Recommendation

I have spoken to Mr. McGuire, in Mr. Nichols' office, concerning this problem and he states it can be easily taken care of. He is immediately making a survey and checking into the matter and a further recommendation to remedy this problem will be submitted to you after Mr. McGuire has made his check.

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1--Mr. Nichols

1--Mr. Belmont

1--Mr. Parsons

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Respectfully,

F. C. Holloman

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1--Mr. Nichols
1--Mr. Belmont
1--Mr. Parsons
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Respectfully,
F. C. Holloman
12 JUN 29 1955
TOLSON

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 31, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

Reference is made to Mr. Holloman's memorandum to the
 Director May 27, 1955, recommending that the Director's Office

of the Director's Office staff. Mr. Holloman has orally advised my office that
 he contemplated having Mr. Decker of the Director's Office assigned suitable

It has been ascertained from the _____
 _____ that equipment necessary for this is now available. It
 consists of (1) _____

It is recommended that _____
 and that SAC _____ be authorized to have _____

cc - Mr. Holloman _____
 cc - Mr. Belmont - Attention: Mr. McArdle
 cc - SAC, _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *[initials]*

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *[initials]*

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - RELOCATION

DATE: June 2, 1955

Tolson _____

Boardman _____

Nichols _____

Belmont ☒

Harbo _____

Mohr _____

Parsons _____

Rosen _____

Tamm _____

Sizoo _____

Winterrowd _____

Tele. Room _____

Holloman _____

Gandy _____

Reference is made to Mr. Holloman's memorandum to the Director 5/27/55 recommending a [redacted]

Enclosed is a [redacted]

The Records and Communications Division has submitted a separate memorandum relative to the Director's [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

(1) that the Laboratory be [redacted]

(2) that SAC [redacted]

JEM:dje:mer (7)

- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Harbo attention: Sloan
- 1 - Section tickler
- 1 - Mr. McArdle

Enclosure


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Memorandum to Boardman to Belmont


Mr. Nichol's desk be moved to the wall near Mr. DeLoach's desk

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(4) that the placement of the desks as indicated on the enclosed diagram be adopted.

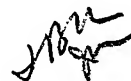


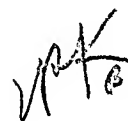












Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 16, 1955

FROM :MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1955

PROBLEM NUMBER 14
AVAILABILITY CHECKS

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

New York, Boston, New Haven, Miami and Atlanta were instructed to make availability checks of all Special Agents in the headquarters city. Instructions were given by telephone. Telephone calls to the offices began at 10 p.m. June 15 and the last call was completed at 10:45 p.m. June 15. The calls were made to the SACs at New York, Atlanta and New Haven. At Miami the call was given to Special Agent Paul C. Clinkscales as SAC Weeks could not be reached by telephone immediately, being en route to the office. The call was made to Night Supervisor B. W. Wilson at Boston since SAC Powers was in the State of Rhode Island and while the Boston Office advised he was available by telephone he was not contacted for the purpose of this problem.

Offices were instructed to submit teletypes reflecting the time Bureau instructions received, the total number of personnel in headquarters city, the time required to contact [] the time required to contact [] personnel in headquarters city and the time the first attempt was made to recontact the Bureau at relocation site by teletype. Teletypes received reflect results indicated below.

Atlanta with [] in headquarters city received Bureau call at 10:30 p.m. June 15; contact []

Miami with [] received call at 10:45 p.m.; contact []

Boston with [] received the call at 10:15 p.m.; contact []

New Haven with [] received call at 10:40 p.m.; contact []

cc - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Administrative Division

PRB:jdd

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

New York with [redacted] in headquarters city received call at 10 p.m. June 15. ~~Excluding Agents on annual leave and on official business outside of city~~ [redacted] contacted [redacted]

[redacted] contacted [redacted]
SAC Kelly advises of these 2 Agents 1 moved on June 15 and phone had just been installed that date. Other Agent, Henry P. Latini, moved to new residence about 1 week ago. Kelly advised explanation being obtained re failure this Agent to notify of change of residence and Bureau will be advised.

Whenever the time is mentioned above it refers to [redacted]
[redacted] All teletypes received reflect that there was no appreciable delay encountered by any field office in reaching the relocation center by teletype. Agents contacted in headquarters city are exclusive of those out of city on annual leave or official business.

ACTION:

We will follow this matter to make certain explanations received from New York.

ADDENDUM - 6/16/55 - AHB:LL

SAC Kelly, NYO, was instructed on the afternoon of June 16, 1955, to get in a teletype to the Bureau tonight with a detailed explanation as to (1) why it took so long to contact the Agents, bearing in mind only [redacted] (2) why it would take longer than an hour to contact any Agent; and (3) how many Agents was he unable to reach on first call; and (4) explanations from the 2 Agents who had not advised the office of recent changes in their telephone numbers, with recommendations.

Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - RELOCATION
OF BUREAU PERSONNEL

DATE: June 22, 1955

Mr. Tamm

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Parsons

Mr. Holloman

Mr. McArdle

Section tickler.

Tolson

Boardman

Nichols

Belmont

Harbo

Rosen

Sizoo

Tamm

Winterrowd

Tele. Room

Holloman

Gandy

On my memorandum of June 7, 1955, the Director O.K.'d each of the following points.

(1) That the "stay-behind" program remain in effect to assist the dependents of those employees who may be ordered to relocate prior to a total evacuation of Washington.

(2) That each person scheduled for relocation (173) be permitted to confidentially advise adult dependents that messages may be relayed to evacuees at the relocation site by calling the office of H. L. Edwards (extension 887) where the message will be accepted for relay to the employee at the relocation site.

(3) That each person scheduled for relocation (173) be given a copy of the attached list of hotels, motels, and tourist courts in the [redacted] This confidential list may be given to adult dependents by the personnel scheduled for relocation. No arrangements, agreement or commitments have been made with the proprietors of these places of business. (Sufficient copies of the list will be made available to each official following approval of this memorandum.)

(4) Employees scheduled for relocation may be advised that should their dependents in [redacted] area have need to get word to a person at the relocation site, they may call [redacted], [redacted]

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(5) All employees not scheduled for relocation may be advised and relay to their adult dependents that should Washington be evacuated and thereafter the employees are unable to return to their residence in Washington, a Bureau employee [redacted] will accept messages, relay Bureau instructions to personnel and receive forwarding addresses of Bureau personnel and their dependents.

ACTION: That each official receiving a copy of this memorandum appropriately instruct those employees under their supervision.

JEM:dje:bpt (13)

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Harbo

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Sizoo

Mr. Boardman

Mr. Mohr

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/17/55

FROM : MR. R. T. HARBO *RT*SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT - 1955
(June 15 - 17, 1955)

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
Sizoo _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

Inspector Mason reported from [] at 5:10 p.m. today that the last stages of work are being wound up and remaining evacuees will shortly depart.

Mason reported that his analysis of employee performance reflected enthusiastic, serious, willing handling of all matters by all employees. Assistant Director A. H. Belmont demonstrated efficiency and capability in the handling of his many duties and, of course, he had the lion's share of responsibility thrust upon him. He and his subordinates worked very long hours and late into the night handling the various test problems and procedures.

Communications employees and Records Section employees were all cheerful, hard-working, earnest and competent.

It appears that the Bureau's participation in Operation Alert was highly successful and was a worth-while test of our operating procedures.

A tremendous amount of work had to be done by SAC [] and the [] Staff in anticipation of the alert problem during the test evacuation period and subsequent thereto. Each item was thoroughly and properly handled. Employees commended that food and arrangements for their care were excellent.

RECOMMENDATION:

None...informative.

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cc-Mr. J. P. Mohr
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all employees who participated should receive a letter of commendation, unless some reason exists to the contrary

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

DATE: June 21, 1955

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS *LB Nichols*

SUBJECT:

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Harbo ✓
 Mohr ✓
 Parsons ✓
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

For record purposes only, SAC [redacted] advised Mr. McGuire yesterday that the [redacted] was ready to bring the new desired instructions as to [redacted]

[redacted] was instructed to have [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the [redacted] expected to have all of the construction completed by the end of this week. This will then give us additional spares over and above our present requirements so that we can accommodate equipment which may subsequently be ordered into our building there by other security agencies in connection with general war plans.

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cc: Mr. Harbo, Attention SAC [redacted]

Mr. Parsons

Mr. Wherry

Mr. Belmont

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L. B. NICHOLS

SAC, Cincinnati (66-737)

6/22/55

Director, FBI (30-737)

Reurlet Captioned UNCAP dated June 17, 1955.

Under separate cover by registered mail you will receive another booklet entitled. [REDACTED]

Together with this operating and maintenance booklet will be a complete set of new batteries.

You are instructed to equip the unit presently in your office with new batteries and to comply with the instructions as set forth in SAC Letter No. 23, Series 1952, dated 3/4/52 under the caption [REDACTED]

You are to continue your search for the operating and maintenance instructions booklet previously submitted to your office and are requested at the end of ten days to advise the Bureau as to the results of your search. You should further furnish the Bureau the names of the personnel in your office who have familiarized themselves with the [REDACTED]

JFG:js
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cc- UNCAP File

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
Sizoo _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____



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Director, FBI

June 17, 1955

SAC, Cincinnati (66-330)

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UNCAP

Attention: Assistant Director DON PARSONS
FBI Laboratory

ReButel captioned, "UNCAP," dated 6/16/55, instructing this office to forward to the Bureau [redacted] of that date; airtel to Bureau same date informing Cincinnati Office has no personnel to use radio set; and telephone call from Assistant Director DON PARSONS requesting explanation from this office.

The files of this office reflect that in conformity with SAC Letter #23, Series 1952, dated 3/1/52, under caption (B), [redacted]

[redacted] as reflected by a handwritten notation in the file, "Rec'd 3-19-52, checked by Kellerman." The particular serial in Cincinnati File #66-330 (Scientific, Electrical and Technical Equipment) bears the initials of SAC Charles W. Brown. I have been informed by personnel of the office that Kellerman was formerly a Radio Operator assigned to the Cincinnati Office. There is no indication in the file that the sound man assigned to the Cincinnati Office at that time had received the set or that he had been informed of its receipt by this office.

There is also no notation in the file concerning the fact that the Handbook accompanied the set, although it may be assumed, inasmuch as apparently Kellerman checked the set, the Handbook probably was received. The Handbook does not constitute a portion of the file and a diligent search of the office did not result in the finding of the Handbook.

I have conferred with the Bureau-trained sound men assigned to the office, as well as with the present Radio Technician Operator, and none of them has had any previous training or experience with the set. There are no ticklers in the office indicating the set should be checked periodically and that batteries pertaining to the set should be ordered from the Bureau, nor does the file indicate that any such ticklers had been prepared. So far as is known to the office, batteries for this set have not been ordered since its receipt in March of 1952. Personally, I was not familiar with the set, inasmuch as at the time of their distribution to the

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field I was assigned to the Little Rock Office, which was one of the offices to which sets were not forwarded.

I do not feel that any of the personnel presently assigned to the Cincinnati Office should be held responsible for the fact that the set was and is in a non-operating condition, inasmuch as the personnel who ordinarily would be responsible had had no training in the matter, nor was there available instructional material through which they could have kept the set in an operational condition. As a matter of fact, from an administrative standpoint, there was nothing in the office calling attention to the personnel that the set required attention, aside from the SAC Letter, which apparently had not been called to the attention of the sound-trained personnel.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: June 21, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

At 2:30 p.m. June 20, 1955, Mr. John Airhart, Relocation Coordinator of the Department, telephonically requested SA McArdle to come to his office for a few remarks which he wanted to make relative to the Departmental war planning. After clearing with me, McArdle proceeded to Mr. Airhart's office.

Mr. Airhart advised that during the recent Operation Alert 1955 the Department had utilized the services of one [redacted] who will very shortly complete his course of training at the [redacted]. Airhart advised that Captain Turner had handled the Department's [redacted]

Airhart advised that if they are successful in getting [redacted]

Airhart was advised that the Bureau had directed a letter under date of June 16 to the Attorney General strongly [redacted]. Airhart advised that he was glad that such a communication was forthcoming and that he was certain that the Department would make efforts to [redacted]. Airhart was requested to keep the Bureau advised as to their progress in [redacted]

Mr. Airhart advised that he had been informed by the Attorney General that the Director had indicated to the Attorney General the desirability of a [redacted]. According to Airhart the Attorney General was very favorably impressed with the Director's suggestion along this line and while the Attorney General has issued no instructions to Mr. Airhart to proceed in the [redacted]. Mr. Airhart advised that his impression of [redacted]

1 Mr. Nichols
 1 Mr. Boardman
 1 Mr. Belmont
 1 Mr. Mohr
 1 Mr. Harbo

1 Section Tickler
 1 Mr. McArdle

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

[redacted]
[redacted] Airhart is taking
no action. We will keep this in mind in the event we have to build.

In accordance with the Director's prior instructions we are

[redacted]
[redacted] He stated he felt that a better appropriation could thus be
obtained and a more adequate and fully equipped relocation site set up.

It is believed that as soon as an appropriate relocation site
is found that [redacted]
[redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Re

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to

V.
We must expedite the
location of a usable
site.
H. K.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*DATE: June 15, 1955 *Comp. 6/15/55*FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1955
WARNING TO FIELD OFFICES

Tolson ☒
Boardman ☒
Belmont ☒
Clegg ☒
Glavin ☒
Ladd ☒
Nichols ☒
Rosen ☒
Tamm ☒
Sizoo ☒
Winterrowd ☒
Tele. Room ☒
Holloman ☒
Gandy ☒

Beginning at 12:13 P.M., June 15, 1955, twelve field offices were telephonically contacted and given the following message:



This message was given to the offices to simulate the alert which will be actually given under emergency conditions. Telephone calls made by Section Chief Baumgardner and Supervisor Cox.

CALLS MADE BY SUPERVISOR COX:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>PERSON CONTACTED</u>	<u>TIME CALL PLACED</u>	<u>TIME CONTACT MADE</u>
Philadelphia	Supervisor N. S. Harzenstein		
Memphis	ASAC C. O. Halter		
Mobile	SAC J. G. Shanklin		
Boston	ASAC E. E. Hargett		
Norfolk	SAC R. L. Faisst		
Richmond	SAC J. H. Gale		

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cc -

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Baumgardner

Mr. Cox

Mr. DeLoach

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where were
sac and - I would
like to
also call
about of
in Memphis
Boston
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont from Mr. Baumgardner

CALLS MADE BY SECTION CHIEF BAUMGARDNER:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>PERSON CONTACTED</u>	<u>TIME CALL PLACED</u>	<u>TIME CONTACT MADE</u>
Baltimore	SAC D. K. Brown		
Savannah	SAC J. Lopez		
Knoxville	ASAC R. M. Fauntleroy		
Atlanta	ASAC A. S. Brent		
Washington Field	**		
New York	ASAC D. E. Moore		

**Bureau operator advised at 12:33 P.M. that there was trouble on the line to the relocation site of the Washington Field Office and that she was unable to make contact. She stated she had reported the trouble and efforts were being made to clear the line. A call was then placed to the New York Office and the Bureau operator was told to keep trying to reach the Washington Field Office at its relocation site. At 12:59 P.M. the Bureau operator advised she was still trying to reach the Washington Field Office whereupon Miss Mooney in the teletype room was requested to contact the Washington Field Office's relocation site by teletype. Miss Mooney stated the teletype to thirty offices giving the alert was in the process of being sent and she would add the Washington Field Office's relocation site to the list. Miss Mooney was asked to advise when the contact was made with the Washington Field Office. The teletype room subsequently advised that the Washington Field Office had been contacted at its relocation site at 1:34 P.M. by teletype.

In connection with the attempts to reach the relocation site of the Washington Field Office, it was possible for the Bureau operator to hear SAC Laughlin answer the telephone but Mr. Laughlin could not hear the Bureau operator [redacted] At 1:10 P.M. Special Agent Halsey Smith called [redacted] from an outside phone at the relocation site of the Washington Field Office. He said the phone at the relocation site had rung and that it had been answered by SAC Laughlin but that Mr. Laughlin was unable to get any response from the caller. Mr. Smith was told that we had tried to reach the Washington Field Office's relocation site by phone but had not been able to make contact due to a faulty line. He was told that Washington Field would be contacted by teletype at its relocation site. At 2:08 P.M. SAC Laughlin called from the relocation site. He said he did not know what was wrong with the telephone line, earlier in the day.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont from Mr. Baumgardner

ACTION:

Keep after this until
(1.) This matter was called to the attention of Inspector De Loach of the Records and Communications Division. Mr. De Loach stated he had not as yet been able to determine what the trouble had been with the line to the Washington Field Office's relocation site. He said that he would check the matter out completely in order to determine what had caused the failure.

(2.) A teletype to thirty field offices and a radiogram to ten field offices were sent through at approximately 12:06 P.M. today. When we have obtained information from the Communications Section as to the time required to make these contacts, an over-all memorandum will be prepared which will include the information set forth in this memorandum concerning the telephone contacts.

*All communications on this problem
had been sent out [] by 2:23 pm.*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: June 15, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1955

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Harbo	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

At 11:15 a.m., June 15, I notified Liaison Agent Daunt with Justice that Bureau is operational at its relocation site. Tompkins is the ranking official and Daunt is notifying him. Immediately upon the arrival of Deputy Attorney General Rogers, Daunt will notify him of the time of this call and the fact that Tompkins was notified.

Daunt was told that it is imperative that he stay on top of getting necessary authority for our program from the Department.

AHB:hmm
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cc: Holloman
Parsons
DeLoach
Belmont
Roach

call placed at 11:10 am
completed 11:15 am

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ADDENDUM: 6/15/55 RRR:lw At 2:18 p.m. Agent Woods, liaison with Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM), instructed to advise ODM that FBI became operational at 11:15 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time. Woods advised he would so inform General Paul, who is handling such matters.

At 2:35 p.m. Agent Daunt, liaison with Justice, advised that Deputy Attorney General Rogers had arrived [redacted] and that he, Daunt, had told Rogers of the time that the Bureau became operational.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. V. J. P. KEAY

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS

DATE: June 21,
1955

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

According to our Liaison representatives, Operation Alert 1955 will probably be repeated at more or less unknown intervals. The next alert can well be without advance notice. It is imperative that we have prepared for the Director a complete up-to-date brief on evacuation plans in order that the Director, in the event of a surprise alert or an actual emergency, will have at his fingertips all the essential information he needs relative to relocation--the relocation sites of other agencies and the names of our Liaison Agents who will accompany other agencies--data concerning our relocation site and plans, etc. It is realized that our over-all War Plans Brief contains a great deal of information and it must be continued and kept up to date; however, the evacuation and relocation brief mentioned herein should be along the lines of the one we prepared for the Director prior to Operation Alert 1955. It must be kept up to date.

This should be made the responsibility of Mr. McArdle and, in the event he needs assistance, you should discuss such assistance with me. It is imperative that we afford this close attention so that the Director will have available an up-to-date, workable brief.

AHB:LL
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cc--Mr. Belmont
cc--Mr. Keay
cc--Mr. Roach
cc--Mr. McArdle

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LIASON

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Parsons *P*

DATE: 6-24-55

FROM : R. L. Miller *RLM*SUBJECT:

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

Re memorandum Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson 5-26-55 concerning

in the location desired by Records and Communications Division as pointed out by Radio Operator A. C. Frank. however, some of the shelves have been removed.

These changes were completed by SA's R. P. Slager and D. F. Albaugh prior to the evacuation exercises held on 6-15-55.

ACTION:

None. For information.

- 1 - Mr. Harbo
- 1 -
- 1 - Mr. McArdle
- 1 - Mr. Wherry

RLM:RPS:ctw

(6) *RLM*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 17, 1955

FROM : C. E. Hennrich

cc - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Hennrich
Mr. Roach
Mr. McArdle
Mr. John Sullivan

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - RELOCATION SITE

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

Reference is made to Mr. Roach's memo, 5/26/55,
wherein it was stated that [redacted]

Mr. Tolson requested that inquiries be made as to just what [redacted]

Liaison Agent Sullivan made further inquiry of
Colonel Montgomery, G-2; a detailed memorandum concerning his
discussion with Montgomery is attached. **RECORDED - 24**
INDEXED - 24 61-15381-969

The facts at present are: [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

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We will continue to follow with G-2 in this matter.

I think we should survey the facilities to see
whether they would fit our needs in event
[redacted] does not relocate there 6-19

It does not appear that there is any possibility of the
Bureau [redacted]
without a large expenditure of money and even then there will be
a considerable time delay in construction. In the event of con-
struction, this will have to be handled through [redacted]

Enclosure

CEH:fj

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from [redacted] 6-13-55

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. R. Roach

DATE: June 28, 1955

FROM : J. F. Sullivan

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS - Feb 1950

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

In the "Operation Alert" all personnel of the Pentagon, as in other government establishments, left the building and ostensibly went to where their transportation was located.

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RECOMMENDATION:

For your information.

JFS:jlf

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- 1 - Liaison Section
1 - Mr. McArdle
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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June 23, 1955

Mr. Nichols:

RE: COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES
[redacted]

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

In connection with our war plans during Operation Alert,

we [redacted]

[redacted]
had the [redacted]June 23, 1955, and
[redacted]

J. J. McGuire

cc: Mr. Belmont, attn. Mr. McArdle
cc: Mr. WherryJJM:arm
(4)

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2 - Orig. & dupl.
1 - Mr. Boardman
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Section Tickler
1 - Mr. McArdle
1 - Yellow

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

June 28, 1955

DIRECTOR, FBI

WAR PLANE - OPERATION ALERT 1955

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By memorandum June 23, 1955, I submitted an FBI report on Operation Alert 1955, with the exception of the cost figures involved.

Here follows the estimated cost of Operation Alert 1955 as it affected the FBI:

Travel (per diem and transportation) \$7,050.00

Communication services 950.00

Estimated manpower cost of planning the alert 1,000.00

Value in dollars of manpower used in problem play (exclusive of manpower used in conduct of normal operations at relocation sites) 12,000.00

Total estimated cost \$21,000.00

The foregoing completes the final report of the FBI on Operation Alert 1955.

- 1 - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
- 1 - Mr. John Airhart
Relocation Coordinator
Department of Justice

Tolson
Boardman
Nichols
Belmont
Mohr
Parsons
Rosen
Tamm
 Sizoo
Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Holloman
Gandy

NOTE ON YELLOW: The Bureau report on Operation Alert 1955 was submitted as an enclosure to a memorandum from the Director to the Attorney General 6/23/55, at which time we advised the Attorney General that the cost figures were being expedited and would be submitted as soon as completed.

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SEC. 2 REF. 001

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *V. per D*

FROM : MR. MOHR *per memo*

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS -- OPERATION ALERT

DATE: June 24, 1955

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Boardman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nichols	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Belmont	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Harbo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mohr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parsons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rosen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tamm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sizoo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Winterrowd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tele. Room	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Holloman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gandy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

In response to a request from Special Agent McArdle, of the Liaison Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division, this division has worked up an estimate of the cost for the above operation, based upon information furnished by Mr. McArdle as to the specific employees participating in the alert, the duration of their participation, etc. The estimated cost of communication services was furnished by the Communications Section of the Records and Communications Division. There is attached a tabulation setting forth these costs by the items requested by the office of Defense Mobilization in its instructions concerning the alert.

The \$7,050 shown for travel is composed almost entirely of per diem for participating employees while away from their official headquarters . The salary figure is the actual cost for the employees who participated.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the figures on the attached tabulation be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for transmission to the office of Defense Mobilization through appropriate channels.

Attachment

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ESTIMATED COST OF OPERATION ALERT 1955

1. - "Out of Pocket" costs by object
of expenditure:

Travel (per diem and
transportation)

\$7,050.00

Communication services

950.00

Total

\$ 8,000.00

2. - Estimated manpower cost of
planning the alert

1,000.00

3. - Value in dollars of manpower
used in problem play (exclusive
of manpower used in conduct of
normal operations at relocation
sites) --

12,000.00

Total estimated cost

\$21,000.00

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ENCLOSURE

Bureau Plans - Emergency Headquarters
For 5.0.6.

- 2 - Orig. & dupl.
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Section Tickler
- 1 - Mr. McArdle

June 30, 1955

THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

DIRECTOR

HAS BEEN INFORMATION ALERT 1955

[redacted] was not set up to promptly handle the volume of teletype communications which it handled during Operation Alert 1955. In one instance, the Bureau dispatched a teletype to the Office of Defense Mobilization at 10:00 a.m. This message was not actually received by the Office of Defense Mobilization until midafternoon. In another instance we received a teletype from the Justice Department at 10:30 a.m., June 17, 1955, which was marked for priority sending by the Justice Department at 7:05 p.m., June 16, 1955. This teletype went through [redacted] and was marked for priority sending at that site at 12:16 a.m., June 17, 1955. The teletype did not reach the Bureau relocation site until some ten hours later. In addition to the foregoing, we received copies of a number of teletypes which reflected delays up to six hours between other agencies.

You may wish to bring this difficulty to the attention of the Office of Defense Mobilization.

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- 1 - Mr. William F. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
- 1 - Mr. John Althart
Relocation Coordinator
Department of Justice

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NOTE: (Cover memo, Belmont to Boardman, 6/29/55 - same caption, JEM:lmm:pyp)

JEM:lmm:pyp
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REC'D BELMONT

- Tolson
- Boardman
- Nichols
- Belmont
- Harbo
- Mohr
- Parsons
- Rosen
- Tamm
- Sizoo
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Gandy

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ABP*

DATE: June 17, 1955

FROM : R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - Emergency / A. H. Belmont
SURVEY FOR NEW RELOCATION SITE

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
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Sizoo _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

Reference is made to my memorandum of May 26, 1955, in the above-captioned matter in which Liaison Agent John F. Sullivan informed that in a discussion with [redacted] regarding possible relocation sites he had been informed that [redacted]

[redacted] Sullivan was advised that [redacted]

On June 17, 1955, Sullivan contacted [redacted]

Inquiry revealed from [redacted]

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Ticklers - Mr. Belmont
Mr. McArdle
Liaison Section
Mr. Sullivan

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J. F. SULLIVAN
LIAISON

Memorandum For Mr. Belmont

Referral/Consult

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] which gives a fairly comprehensive picture of the available space. He stated that it might be advisable for the Bureau to take a look at the site and get a more proper picture. He stated that he would keep Sullivan currently advised of developments in this matter. He added that he believed after the "Alert Exercise" this matter would be brought into sharper focus.

[REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:

Liaison will follow this matter closely with Colonel Montgomeru. If desired. Liaison [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *per To*

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS *per*

SUBJECT: ~~FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION MACHINE~~

DATE: June 15, 1955

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

For the Director's information, there has been installed in the

[redacted] by the [redacted]
 This machine will transmit bulletins to its various relocation centers throughout the evacuation exercises from [redacted] which is the Civil Defense communications center from which all messages are to be relayed.

Bulletins will be promptly transmitted to the Director's office with copies being furnished to Mr. Belmont. The machine will remain on twenty-four hours per day until completion of the exercises. We transmit answers, if necessary, by regular teletype machine, using appropriate code symbols.

ACTION: For information

CDD:FML
(3)

CC - Mr. Belmont

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per
J
 LIAISON

59 JUL 13 1955

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: June 17, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1955 (June 15, 16 and 17, 1955)

Tolson
Boardman
Nichols
Belmont
Harbo
Mohr
Parsons
Rosen
Tamm
 Sizoo
Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Holloman
Gandy

This is a summary memorandum concerning Operation Alert 1955, covering the actual period of relocation from June 15 to 17, 1955, [redacted] Brief resumes of our activities were submitted daily on June 15, June 16, and June 17; however, this memorandum sums up the operation at the relocation site.

THE ALERT

[Redacted content]

SCHEDULED PROBLEMS

A series of more than 50 problems simulating actual problems which would face us during an emergency were drawn up in advance of the test. All of these problems were carried out during the test. Additional official work, such as necessary reviews of Security Index cases, was brought [redacted] to insure that all personnel would be kept busy. We were able to handle only a limited amount of this work because of the volume of activities connected with the actual test.

In connection with our problems during the test, actual conditions were simulated [redacted] However, no security information was transmitted in our messages to the field—rather, the messages were devised as a heavy test of our communications system and the ability of the Bureau and our field offices to respond promptly to the problems posed.

A brief resume of the problems is set forth below:

Alert Message to Field

An alert message was sent to all field offices by either telephone, radio or teletype. Action started at 12:10 p.m., June 15, and all offices

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CC: Messrs. Belmont

Holloman

Parsons

DeLoach

Mason

Baumgardner

Branigan

Roach

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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

had been contacted by 2:23 p.m.

[redacted]

Authority simulated through Liaison from [redacted] at 12:14 p.m., June 15. Held up, for purposes this test, until Attorney General notified and agreed. Attorney General agreed 4:00 p.m. Program launched 4:41 p.m. to correlate with Emergency Detention Program. Four offices involved [redacted]. Replies received from field by 5:50 p.m. and action completed. [redacted]

[redacted]

Emergency Detention Program

At 3:58 p.m., June 15, our Liaison from Justice advised Attorney General had approved apprehension of dangerous aliens only. It was our understanding that the Attorney General approved only dangerous enemy aliens, whereas subsequently we learned that Justice Department understood the approval was extended to all dangerous aliens on the Security Index. This pinpoints the absolute necessity for a secure communications system between FBI and Justice relocation sites so there can be no misunderstanding. This is being taken up with Justice in writing. Letter prepared June 16.

Simulated messages were sent to the field to arrest dangerous enemy aliens, starting 4:53 p.m. and ending 7:16 p.m. Replies had been received from all field offices by 8:37 p.m.

At 6:10 p.m. our Liaison advised that the Attorney General had authorized the arrest of all other persons on the Security Index, both citizens and aliens. According to "telescope timetable" used during this alert, 6:10 p.m., June 15, would be D-Day Plus 3 and, consequently, some 22,000 persons would have been allowed to run free to commit sabotage and go into hiding before authorization received for their arrest. Many U. S. cities had been bombed by this time, according to Civil Defense bulletins. Because of these factors, it is not possible to say what success could be achieved in making the arrests of the more than 22,000 persons.

This pinpoints the absolute necessity for advance arrangements, so that this Bureau will be given immediate authority to launch the Emergency Detention Program.

Laboratory Problems

The Laboratory worked a number of problems staggered throughout the test period, including [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Espionage Problems

In addition to the Protective Custody of Enemy Diplomats Program, a series of espionage problems were posed throughout the test, involving the apprehension of espionage subjects on the Security Index; the location and arrest of enemy agents landing by submarine; the location and arrest of enemy diplomats touring the United States; simulated notification Attorney General and Secretary of State regarding dangerous aliens of nonenemy nations attached to international organizations; simulated consideration of subjects in Special Section of Security Index as to action to be taken on espionage subjects; consideration of pro-Tito Yugoslavs; and presentation of cases to State Department regarding United Nations employees and foreign government employees of friendly nations.

Internal Security Problems

In addition to the Emergency Detention Program, problems were worked involving Emergency Detention arrests requiring notification to other Government agencies; setting up a separate Sabotage Section; securing Departmental instructions re arrests of certain prominent individuals; and alerting all field offices as to Security Index subjects out of the country.

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Availability Checks

Availability checks were made on a surprise basis with 10 field offices (5 on June 15 and 5 on June 16), starting at 10:00 p.m. In the smaller offices, all Agents were contacted promptly. In the larger offices, prompt contacts were made with Agents in the majority of cases. Where it required more than one hour to contact all Agents, the Special Agent in Charge was required to explain, and separate memoranda have been submitted.

Liaison

Liaison Agents who relocated with their agencies had established contact with the Bureau's relocation site by 2:59 p.m., June 15. All contacts were made promptly. Some of the Agents did not leave Washington until 12:05 p.m., June 15, as their agencies did not leave until that time.

Throughout the exercise, Liaison Agents were in contact with our relocation quarters. We found it possible to reach our Liaison Agents promptly in most instances. We had difficulty reaching the Liaison Agent [redacted] due to congested conditions and confusion existing [redacted]. Our Agent [redacted] had difficulty reaching us, again due to confusion in communications [redacted]. Our Agent at [redacted] had difficulty reaching us, due to inadequate communications facilities [redacted].

Problems from Outside Agencies

Memorandum to the DirectorDifficulties Encountered (within Bureau):

*Taken up with
Noted by [redacted] 6/15+16/55*
(1) We encountered difficulty on the direct telephone line between [redacted] on June 15, and again on June 16. An immediate check was made with the telephone company and in both cases it was found that the trouble was located at the central switchboard of the telephone company. A vigorous protest is being made to the telephone company.

*Communications
for [redacted]*
(2) Despite the fact that employees in the code room worked assiduously without going to lunch on June 15, the volume was so great that delays in coding occurred. We will take this into account in any future exercises or in an emergency by providing additional coding assistance.

(3) Availability Checks - There was some delay in contacting Agents in our larger offices during availability checks. This has been made the subject of separate memoranda with recommendations.

Letter to [redacted] 6/15/55
(4) [redacted]
[redacted] A separate memorandum submitted as to this and an explanation is being secured.

Difficulties Encountered (outside Bureau):

See that above are given immediate attention & [redacted] have report by July 1 or to [redacted] [redacted]
(1) As reflected herein, delays occurred in securing the Attorney General's authority to launch the Emergency Detention Program and his approval of launching the program involving custody of enemy diplomats. Further, when authority was given, it was first based only on dangerous aliens which involved only a minute portion of the dangerous persons on the Security Index. It is imperative that this issue be resolved on two points: (1) a method whereby an immediate decision will be made as to the launching of these programs; and (2) that policy be set in advance by the Department as to the circumstances under which the entire program will be authorized. Certainly under conditions supposedly existing on June 15, the entire program should have been authorized at once. This question is being raised in the memorandum to the Attorney General dated June 20, 1955.

*memo to
AEB 6/20/55
AHB/*
(2) [redacted]
[redacted] we will examine our set-up in this respect also to insure that an immediate decision is made in an emergency.

Memorandum for the Director

*memo to AG
11/1/55*

It is essential that no misunderstandings occur on grave issues involved in an emergency. In connection with the Emergency Detention Program, apparently there was a misunderstanding as to what dangerous aliens had been authorized for arrest. We will push with the Department to insure that the Department sets up a satisfactory communications system at its relocation headquarters which will enable it to send security information [redacted]

*memo to AG
AG-6/20/55
+ 6/22/55*

(4) There were delays in contacting our Liaison Agents due to inadequate communication set-up in other agencies. We will point this out to the Attorney General in our memorandum to him.

*memo to AG
AG-6/20/55*

(5) Apparently, [redacted] was not set up to handle promptly the volume of teletype communications. In one instance we dispatched a teletype at 10:00 AM to ODM which was not actually received by ODM until afternoon. This would indicate a [redacted] Further, we received a number of teletypes which reflected delays up to six hours in answering between other agencies.

We received a telegram from Justice relocation at 10:38 AM, June 17, 1955, which is marked for priority sending by Justice at 7:05 PM, June 16; went through [redacted] communications center and was marked for priority sending there 12:16 AM, June 17. It did not reach our teletype machine until 10:35 AM, June 17.

These points are indicative of delay and congestion in communications in other agencies.

Give above prompt attention.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications [redacted] were well set up and operated smoothly in spite of the heavy volume. As of 2:00 p.m., June 17, the Communications Section had received a total of 250 incoming teletypes and had sent 89 outgoing teletypes during the exercise.

[redacted] Of the incoming teletypes, four were garbled so badly from [redacted] that it was necessary for us to request repeats. [redacted] failed to acknowledge our request, although we requested clarification of these garbled messages on three separate occasions.

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

PERSONNEL

Attached is a list of personnel who took part in Operations Alert 1955, including Liaison Agents who operated with their agencies and personnel regularly assigned [redacted]

It was my observation that all personnel who took part in this operation did so in a serious, businesslike manner. Due to the number of problems and intense activity surrounding this test, it was necessary for employees to work 12-hour shifts in many cases and, in fact, it was necessary for many clerical employees, as well as Agent personnel, from the day shift of June 15, to work as late as 3:00 o'clock the morning of June 16. There was a general air of willingness and an excellent attitude on the part of personnel engaged in the test.

[redacted] and his staff likewise did an excellent job, despite the fact the influx of personnel from Washington required special handling relative to sleeping accommodations, setting up appropriate office arrangements, and off-schedule dining arrangements. Security at the [redacted] during this test was excellent. This, too, was the responsibility of [redacted]

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. In view of the long hours served most willingly by the clerical employees, and the excellent attitude displayed, it is recommended that letters of commendation be sent to those clerical employees who spent the three days [redacted]

personnel who ^{yes also to executive per-} participated.

2. It is recommended that a letter be sent to [redacted] expressing appreciation for the assistance rendered during this alert test by the entire personnel connected with [redacted]

yes.

*Done
6/21/55
6/21*

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

RECOMMENDATIONS (continued):

3. Attached is a memorandum to the Attorney General advising him, in summary, of our participation in Operation Alert 1955.

*Sent
6-20-55*

*MS.
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[Signature]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: June 8, 1955

FROM : R. L. Miller

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Harbo _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Wherry to Mr. Nichols pertaining to the above matter, dated 5-9-55.

Survey reveals that there is a total of

The procedure presently followed in the Bureau Switchboard Room utilizes

Mr. Wherry states that from the communications standpoint there might be

In order to reproduce the present Switchboard Room facilities, arrangements would have to be made

1 - Mr. McArdle
 RFP:KMB

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LIASON

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that arrangements be made with the

[Redacted]

2. It is recommended that

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: 5-9-55

FROM : L. E. Wherry, Jr.

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 DeLoach _____
 Mohr _____
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At the present time we have

We should have provisions

for

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Laboratory look into this matter to ascertain what arrangements will be necessary to set up the proper

cc - Mr. McGuire

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Mr. Belmont, Attention Mr. McArdle
 Mr. Millen

11 JUL 1 1955

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LAWSON

JUL 13 1955

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 14, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1955

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

Attached hereto for the Director's information is a copy of the instructions of the Department to their personnel who will relocate [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Each problem handled is being set up in a separate folder for information from the time it is started until it is finished.

Pages 5, 6, and 7 reflect the time table for the exercise for the problems at the Department's relocation site.

There is attached also a Photostat of the problems furnished by the Department to the Office of Defense Mobilization for the various divisions and agencies of the Department, except the FBI. A copy of the FBI problems as furnished to the Department is also attached. The FBI problems were sent to the Office of Defense Mobilization by the Department together with the problems of the Department and its agencies according to Mr. Airhart.

You will note that the problems of the Department [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In accordance with the Director's instructions, this afternoon, we will make a provision in our War Plans for this after Operation Alert 1955 is over. Also the problems [REDACTED]

Enclosures

AHB:fjm
(6)

cc - Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Roach
 Mr. McArdle

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

[redacted] call for contact with our field offices on problems of mutual interest. I checked with Mr. Airhart tonight. He said that the messages set out in the Department problems [redacted] will not actually be sent, therefore, there will be [redacted] [redacted] will not contact our field offices during Operation Alert 1955. These problems are all being simulated, and, according to Mr. Airhart, will not result in contact with the FBI by the Department [redacted]

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Be certain to analyze these problems carefully in so far as any effect or involve the F B I & make certain that procedures are correct as pertaining to us.

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you must have [redacted] 6/23/56
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 23, 1955

FROM : R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS - ESSENTIAL RECORDS

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The following essential Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference (IIC) records were microfilmed on May 13, 1955:

Minutes and agenda of IIC meetings which were held during the period from April 26, 1949, through April 6, 1955.

National Security Council Document No. 5425/1, dated September 10, 1954, re "Organizational Arrangements for Internal Security." This document contains the revised charters for the IIC and the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security.

It is contemplated that a copy of the minutes of subsequent IIC meetings will be furnished each time an IIC meeting is held, and that any essential documents will be microfilmed at six-month intervals.

ACTION:

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It is suggested that the enclosed microfilm of the IIC records be stored [redacted]. It is also suggested that a copy of the minutes of subsequent IIC meetings be furnished [redacted] each time an IIC meeting is held and that any essential documents be microfilmed at six-month intervals and furnished [redacted].

Enclosure

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1-Mr. Belmont
 1-Mr. McArdle
 1-Mr. Sanders
 1-Section Tickler

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

June 20, 1955

Director, FBI

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OPERATION ALERT 1955

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For your information I am setting forth the summary of the activities of this Bureau in connection with the Operation Alert 1955 on June 15, 16, and 17, 1955.

A series of more than 50 problems simulating actual problems which would be faced by the FBI during an actual emergency had been drawn up in advance of the test. All of these problems were carried out during the test under actual conditions insofar as they could be simulated. However, we refrained from actually transmitting security information to our field offices in view of the delicate nature of the emergency programs of this Bureau.

In addition specific problems required the passage of instructions between field offices and subsequent reply to our relocation site.

Immediately following our arrival [redacted] all field offices were alerted to be prepared and immediate preparations were made to launch the emergency programs which are the responsibility of this Bureau. As you are aware, the launching of our Emergency Detention Program and the program involving taking enemy diplomats into protective custody require authority from the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, respectively. Under the conditions simulated in Operation Alert 1955 it is exceedingly clear that arrangements must be made to provide a method whereby a decision can be made immediately as to the launching of these programs. Unless these decisions are made immediately and appropriate authority furnished this Bureau, the effectiveness of these programs will be critically reduced.

By the time authority was received under the simulated conditions of Operation Alert 1955 many of [redacted]

I believe it is also important to determine specifically in advance of emergency the policy the Department intends to follow relative to the

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Memorandum to Attorney General

Emergency Detention Program. For example in this test operation, the original authority was limited to dangerous aliens and it was not until D-Day plus three that authority was given to apprehend over 90 percent of the persons on the Security Index who are citizens.

The decisions to be made in connection with the Emergency Detention Program and the program involving enemy diplomats are indeed serious. However, the consequences of failure to arrive at these decisions immediately in the event of an emergency are so grave that I am impelled to stress the absolute necessity of setting up an infallible system whereby these decisions may be reached immediately and results furnished at once to the FBI for implementation.

During this alert period there was an evident need for [redacted] communications system between the relocation sites of the FBI and the Department of Justice. I feel that it is essential there be the closest possible communication between the Department and the FBI in an emergency. I urge that attention be given to this promptly.

For your information our Liaison Representatives who accompanied [redacted]

I wish to advise that the entire Operation Alert 1955 was handled with dispatch and careful thought by this Bureau. In addition to the many problems devised to test the thoroughness and adequacy of our procedures in an emergency in the [redacted]

[redacted] we received a number of problems from other agencies during the alert period. These were handled promptly and appropriate advice given to the agencies in question. Throughout the period of the alert we carefully examined our procedures and made changes where necessary in order that this Bureau will be fully prepared to meet its responsibilities in the event of an actual emergency.

1 - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: June 10, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: TEST EVACUATION EXERCISE
OPERATION ALERT 1955
(JUNE 15, 16, 17)

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This memorandum is being prepared for the Director's use at Attorney General's conference on June 14 and for his use in the event he is called upon to report on our activities to the President or the Attorney General at their locations.

RECAPITULATION

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Dates:

June 15, 16, and 17, 1955

Place:Time:

10:00 a.m. - Alert for FBI employees

12:00 noon - Start of test

Afternoon 6/17 - End of test

Personnel:

Meals -

Sleeping -

Security:Communications:Field Offices Participating: (52)

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Test Problems: (58)Report of Test:
Estimated Cost:JEM: mnm; hke
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Memorandum to
 AHB 6/17
 Memo to
 Tamm
 AHB 6/20

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: June 23, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

BUREAU WAR PLANS
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For record purposes only, [redacted]

[redacted] telephonically inquired of Mr. McGuire as to whether anyone at [redacted] had been in touch with the Bureau concerning any unusual communication facility which might be desired at the Joint Chiefs of Staff conference to be held [redacted] which would entail us or [redacted] there next week.

[redacted] was informed that the dates of the conference had been changed as a result of Operation Alert and that the conference is now scheduled for July 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1955, and we had not had any contact from the [redacted] regarding any communication facilities for the conference [redacted]

[redacted] did not know of the change of dates for the conference and, accordingly, Mr. McGuire gave Colonel Bliss a fill-in on this matter since he is personally acquainted with our equipment and facilities at [redacted] Colonel Bliss was also advised of the [redacted]

[redacted] which will give us additional facilities into the building by the end of this week. Colonel Bliss was appreciative of this advice.

[redacted] has advised that the [redacted] is running in [redacted] for the use of the conference in order that [redacted] and, accordingly, it will not be necessary for the Bureau to have its telephone set-up within [redacted] building in operation. [redacted]

[redacted] Further, that since house [redacted] he is not going to have the house phones put out as there will be some conferees assigned to living quarters on [redacted]

[redacted] also advised it will not be necessary for the Bureau to have a male switchboard operator in attendance at the conference since the switchboard [redacted] the conference.

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cc: Mr. Belmont, attn. Mr. McArdle

Mr. Harbo, attn. [redacted]

Mr. Wherry

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 17, 1955

FROM : MR. D. E. TODD

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1955

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For your consideration, there follow two suggestions with regard to the test:

(1) A great volume of teletypes was received from the

One problem encountered was the correlation of this information as it related to our Bureau field offices and territories covered by the headquarters cities in the field. In working our test problems the conditions had to be adapted to the simulated conditions as reported in the incoming teletypes.

It is suggested that in considering our war plans for the future it might be desirable

(2) In working our simulated problems our teletypes, radiograms and memoranda all bore the [redacted] To facilitate [redacted] of the replies and the filing of communications, in the event of another test, it is suggested the number of each problem and the section handling be included in the caption of our communications, thus both the outgoing and incoming will bear the caption [redacted] etc

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cc - Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Todd

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT - 1955

DATE: June 21, 1955

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SYNOPSIS:

opened exercises stressing

importance of alert.

inadequate and Dr. Flemming, Director of ODM, assumed responsibility of not properly briefing agencies prior to alert. Bureau representative present at all meetings of Inter-assembly Group. The President desirous of having additional tests at frequent intervals. Plans regarding continuity of government is responsibility of Interagency Committee for Alert Planning. Justice represents Bureau and is reported to have missed meetings of this Committee. Information coming to attention of Justice representative not always called to Bureau's attention. Information originating from this committee furnished Bureau on confidential basis. Action to be taken regarding the Bureau being promptly advised of alert planning is the subject of a separate memorandum.

ACTION:

Consideration as to action to be taken concerning the Bureau being promptly advised of developments in the alert planning field is the subject of a separate memorandum.

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- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. McArdle
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Woods

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DETAILS:

At approximately 8:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST), June 14, 1955, the Bureau's Liaison representative to the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM), Walter F. Woods, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Contact was made with the Bureau relocation site [REDACTED] On Wednesday, June 15, Lieutenant General Paul, U.S. Army (Retired), Assistant Director ODM, was advised that the [REDACTED] [REDACTED], EST. that date. At approximately 1:30 EST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] After luncheon the President called a meeting of the Inter-assembly Group, composed of cabinet officers, officials of the Executive Office of the President, and liaison representatives of the various government agencies. It was at this meeting that the test problem books were passed out to the department and agency heads. This was the first time anyone had the opportunity of seeing the problems. General Paul later advised Woods that the problems for the FBI were submitted to ODM by the Justice Department classified Top Secret and that all problems received from the Department heads were maintained in strict confidence at the specific request of Dr. Arthur Flemming, Director of ODM.

The President pointed out at the meeting, which was attended by the Liaison representative, the importance of this exercise and told all assembled that he is deeply concerned with the ability of government to relocate. He advised that we will have more and more tests until all the "bugs" are worked out. He reminded all that during the exercise he expected everyone to work in carrying out the continuity of government and that this was not to be considered a respite from normal work. He advised that he wanted everyone to be available should he have to call for any reason.

The President departed [REDACTED] EST, and the Attorney General left about 15 minutes later. Assistant Attorney General Rankin remained and attended the several meetings of the Inter-assembly Group that convened

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periodically during the exercise. Bureau Liaison was also in attendance at these meetings.

It is estimated that during the [redacted]
there were present approximately [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

and in fact the meeting of the Inter-assembly Group, which convened at 8:30 p.m., June 15, lasted until 3:15 a.m., June 16. During the 24 hour period from 8:00 a.m., June 16 to 8:00 a.m., June 17, there was in excess [redacted]
[redacted]

Dr. Flemming and several others of the Inter-assembly Group left [redacted] on two occasions for a meeting with the President. Dr. Flemming briefed the Inter-assembly Group upon his return and both times stressed the President's interest in the exercise. At the final meeting on June 17, Dr. Flemming told the Group that the purpose of this exercise was: (1) procedure in evacuation, (2) ability to handle regular work, (3) ability to handle alert work (4) meetings of the Inter-assembly Group to discuss and approve and to recommend to the President procedures to adopt during an alert period. Dr. Flemming stated that this test had indicated that there was a [redacted] He advised that there had been [redacted] He also advised that there had been [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] Further, that in the beginning of operations the [redacted]
[redacted]

He stated that the President was "very disturbed" at those who frowned at this test and he, the President, is insistent that continuity of government be speeded up." Dr. Flemming stated that the President told him that there are to be more tests and that planning should be tested frequently. He advised that in the preplanning phase he, Dr. Flemming, had been remiss in not making the instructions more complete but that he also felt that the department or agency heads represented on the Interagency Committee for Alert Planning should have more thoroughly briefed their respective agencies.
[redacted]

In connection with the Interagency Committee for Alert Planning, it is noted that Justice represents the Department [redacted]
[redacted]

The Bureau

*including the FBI

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Liaison representative has been advised that frequently the Justice representative is not present at meetings of this Group. It is further noted that the Bureau previously represented the Department on an Adhoc committee on Alert Planning but this committee was abolished over a year ago. Since that time [redacted] has not been represented and has had to depend on Justice for information concerning continuity of government planning under alert conditions. This information has not always been received from Justice and it has been necessary for the Bureau to obtain this information from ODM on a confidential basis.

During the three day period, the Bureau's Liaison Agent was in close contact with General Paul and Assistant Attorney General Rankin and was at all times available. It is to be noted that during the first day of this [redacted]

This undesirable situation was corrected when this fact was called to the attention of Dr. Flemming.

OBSERVATION:

It is believed that in order to obtain information firsthand, the Bureau should consider representation on the aforementioned committee and not depend on Justice to receive same, it being noted that such exercises will continue and agencies or bureaus having less responsibility than this Bureau are represented on this Committee. There are 31 different departments or agencies represented. In the absence of representation, the Bureau should insist that the Department keep the Bureau advised as to developments of this Committee. During the past year and one-half, three different individuals have been charged with the responsibility of coordinating alert planning at ODM and each has been of the opinion that information received by or furnished the Department was, of course, furnished the Bureau. This has not always been the case and it has frequently been necessary to obtain information on a strictly confidential basis from ODM that had previously been furnished the Department. Consideration of Bureau representation is the subject of a separate memorandum.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
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Mr. Belmont	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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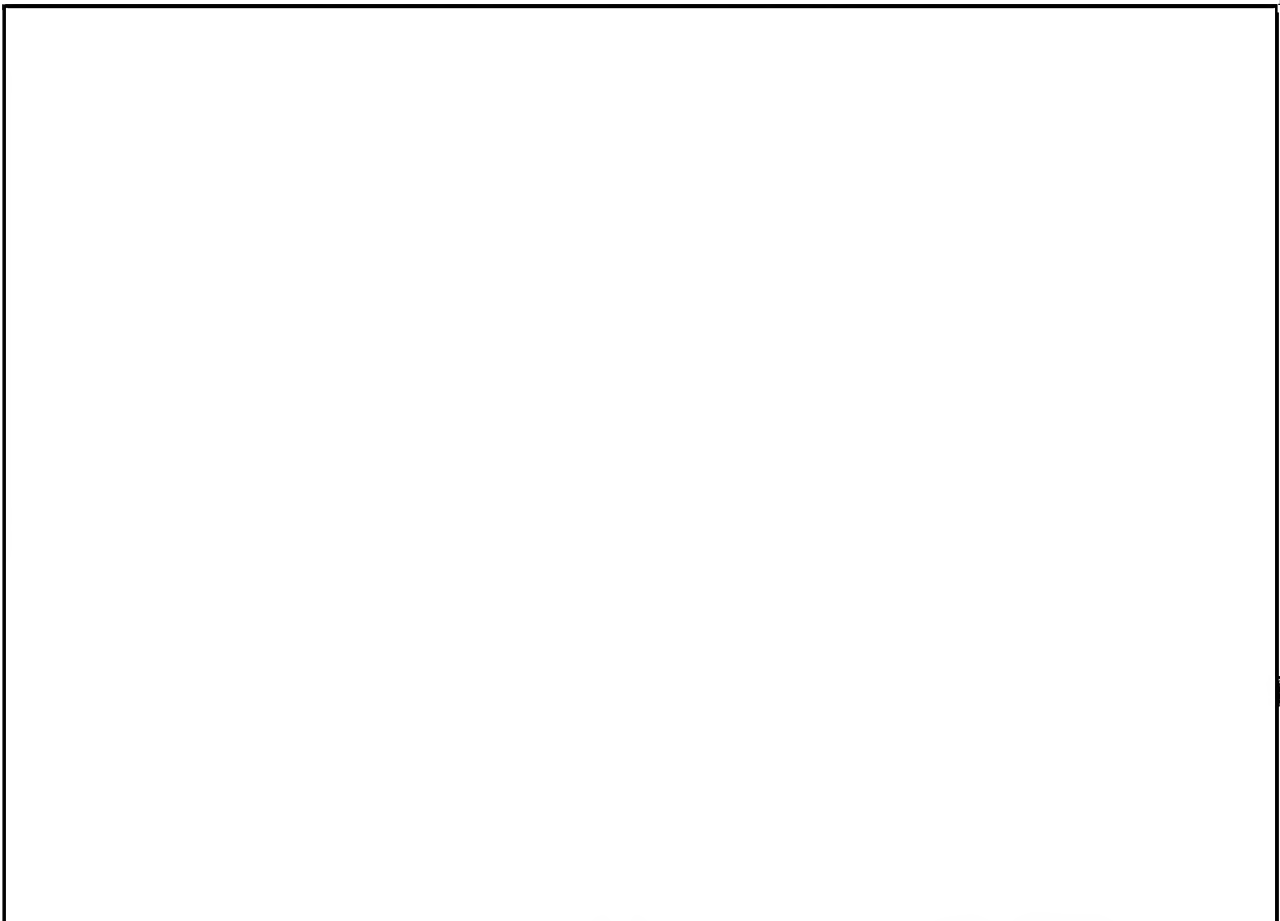
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DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: MR. V. P. KEAY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
BU WAR PLANS - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ~~EXCLUDED FROM RELEASE~~ 1742

Re my telephone conversations with Mr. KEAY, 6/27 and 6/29/55.
A survey for possible relocation sites has resulted in the
following possibilities:

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Mr. Belmont

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Approved: *D. K. Brown*

Special Agent in Charge

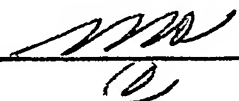
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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: June 17, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT - 1955

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Attached is a ten-page summary of our activities at the relocation site from 4:00 p.m. June 16, 1955, to the end of Operation Alert - 1955, on June 17, 1955. While the operation officially ended at 6:00 p.m.

We continued to work the prearranged problems throughout the night of June 16 and the day of June 17, 1955. These problems

We had no difficulty in reaching the Resident Agencies and getting proper response.

The Laboratory completed a

All communications equipment was examined by the Laboratory and the changes made where necessary to increase the over-all efficiency such as rearrangement of work space, need for extension cords, et cetera.

We received three problems from outside agencies relative to the

All of these problems were handled and replies made.

Highlights of teletypes received over

Availability checks were made at five offices. Checks appeared satisfactory at all. Separate memoranda submitted as to these and censure recommended.

ACTION: This is for your information.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: June 17, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

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The following is a brief resume of our activities at the relocation site from 4:00 PM, June 16, 1955, to the end of Operation Alert 1955 on June 17, 1955.

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CC - Mr. Belmont

Mr. Parsons

Mr. Mohr

Mr. DeLoach | COPIES DESTROYED

Mr. Mason

Mr. Branigan 10 OCT 1 1969

Mr. Baumgardner

Mr. Roach

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Memorandum for the Director
Re: Operation Alert 1955

June 17, 1955

(4) In a problem simulating the [redacted] [redacted] contacted our Resident Agency at [redacted] at 1:10 AM, June 17, 1955, this being [redacted] Resident Agent John M. Newbold recontacted the [redacted] at 2:21 AM. He advised he [redacted] Upon receipt of the message from the Resident Agent, the [redacted] [redacted] the file. This completed this problem.

(5) In a problem simulating [redacted] [redacted] was notified by [redacted] at 3:45 AM, June 17, 1955, to contact the [redacted] [redacted] contact the Bureau's [redacted] This problem was carried through and the [redacted] [redacted] contacted the Bureau's [redacted] at 4:42 AM, June 17, and advised they had been first contacted by the [redacted] by [redacted] at 4:22 AM, June 17. The resident agency at [redacted] [redacted] Through liaison, we [redacted] [redacted]

(6) In a problem involving the [redacted] [redacted] it was necessary to make a [redacted] with the [redacted] advised that [redacted] It was, therefore, necessary to contact the [redacted] the [redacted] A [redacted] was completed to the San [redacted] at 5:50 PM, June 16, 1955. The Resident Agent advised that the [redacted] [redacted] therefore, he would be unable to advise those agencies that [redacted] The Resident Agent at [redacted] was furnished the following message: [redacted] [redacted] and was told to contact the Bureau's [redacted] first attempted re-contact with Bureau's [redacted] at 5:52 PM and established contact at 6:00 PM. [redacted] Liaison will advise them of the [redacted] [redacted] This problem is completed.

Memorandum to the Director
Operation Alert 1955

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AVAILABILITY OF AGENTS

Beginning at 10 PM June 16, 1955, calls were placed to five offices instructing availability checks of Agents at headquarters cities be made and reported to the Bureau by teletype. The five offices were Charlotte, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles and Milwaukee. Each office was instructed to advise the length of time necessary to contact [redacted] and the length of time necessary to complete the [redacted]. The results are set out as follows:

Charlotte Office

The Bureau message was given to Night Duty Agent P. D. Williams since SAC Abbaticchio was speaking at a police convention. Excluding Agents on leave or outside the city on official business, [redacted] were subject to the availability check. [redacted]

Chicago Office

The Bureau message was taken by ASAC Schmit since SAC Hostetter was on route home from the office. There were [redacted] the availability check, and [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
business until past midnight at inaccessible points, [redacted] were on route home and [redacted]

[redacted] The [redacted]
[redacted] A separate memorandum has been submitted on this matter recommending censure for SAC Hostetter and a teletype has been sent to Chicago requesting explanations from [redacted]

[redacted]
Appropriate action will be taken when the explanations are received.

Denver Office

SAC Brown took the Bureau message. There were 37 Agents subject to the availability check. [redacted]
[redacted]

Los Angeles Office

The Bureau message was taken by Night Supervisor H. S. Rose since SAC Malone was on annual leave in New York and ASAC Gearty was speaking at a police convention in Los Angeles. There were [redacted]

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involved in the check. [redacted]
[redacted] Approximately [redacted]
[redacted] at the first contact. The time
required by Los Angeles to make these contacts was entirely too long.
In a separate memorandum it has been recommended that SAC Malone be
censured for not having a better arrangement set up to reach the Agents
in his office.

Milwaukee Office

The Bureau message was taken by ASAC Smith since SAC Poster
was on route home from the office. There were [redacted] subject to the
availability check. [redacted]

[redacted] All Agents [redacted]
were contacted well [redacted] who were attending
a movie in the suburbs had left word of their whereabouts but since the
theater personnel would not page them it was necessary to contact them
physically. This would appear to be a satisfactory check.

PROBLEMS WORKED

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[redacted] it was necessary to contact the [redacted]
[redacted] Inasmuch as the [redacted]
[redacted] it was necessary to contact their relocation sites at the appropriate [redacted]
[redacted] were made as follows:

At 9:50 AM, June 17, 1955, the [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] and instructed to recontact the Bureau's [redacted]
The Bureau's [redacted] at 10:07 AM, June 17, 1955, by the [redacted]

The [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] at 9:49 AM, June 17, 1955, and instructed to recontact the Bureau's [redacted] The recontact was made at 10:02 AM, June 17, 1955.

[redacted]
[redacted] was reached by [redacted] at 9:56 AM, June 17, 1955, and instructed to recontact the Bureau's [redacted] The recontact by telephone was made at 10:38 AM, June 17, 1955.

A [redacted] at 9:31 AM, June 17, 1955, and a [redacted] was received at the Bureau's [redacted] at 9:41 AM, June 17, 1955. The [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] This completed the problem and there was no delay experienced.

(9) On June 17, 1955, as a planned portion of this exercise,

[redacted]
(12:21 AM to 12:28 AM, June 17, 1955) This completed the problem.

Memorandum for the Director
Re: Operation Alert 1955

June 17, 1955

(10) The [redacted] on the morning of June 17, 1955, to furnish the following message in the [redacted] At 10:15 a.m., June 17, 1955, SAC [redacted] called the Bureau's [redacted] and furnished the following message in the Bureau's [redacted] message at 9:22 a.m. First attempted contact with [redacted] 10:10 a.m." [redacted] and no difficulty was encountered during the conversation.

(11) On the morning of June 17, 1955, the [redacted] In connection with this problem, the [redacted] was instructed [redacted] at 9:24 a.m. to submit [redacted] received from [redacted] at 11:07 a.m., June 17, 1955, and checked out satisfactory. This entire problem was handled expeditiously and with satisfactory results.

(12) In this problem we [redacted]
[redacted]
Office which for the purpose of this test, is the [redacted]
[redacted]
Therefore, it was necessary to handle this problem with a nearby [redacted] Since both [redacted] this problem was worked through our [redacted] sent to the [redacted] at 49:43 a.m., June 17, 1955. We simulated [redacted] reply was received from the [redacted] at 11:05 a.m., June 17, 1955. Upon receipt of [redacted] the problem was completed.

(13) We had planned to simulate a [redacted] at the [redacted] 12:20 a.m., June 17, 1955, we [redacted] Upon taking down part of the [redacted] it was found that six of the [redacted] and were [redacted]

Temporary

Memorandum for the Director
Re: Operation Alert 1955

June 17, 1955

repairs were made and during the entire repair operation

[redacted]
[redacted] There was no [redacted]
[redacted] and repairs were completed at 12:50 a.m.,
June 17, 1955. In order to avoid further difficulty,
arrangements were made with SAC [redacted] to have the [redacted]
[redacted]

(14) On the morning of June 17, 1955, a complete

[redacted]
was simulated. During this period the [redacted]
was used as the [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] Contact was established within one minute
after the problem was instituted. Operation of the [redacted]
[redacted] was excellent.

(15) This problem simulates granting of authority

[redacted]
[redacted] at 11:06 a.m.,
June 17, 1955. The [redacted] who took [redacted] was
instructed to recontact the Bureau at [redacted]
within the hour and furnish the following information:

[redacted]
[redacted] At 11:17 a.m., the [redacted]
contacted the Bureau's [redacted] and stated he
placed his [redacted] at 11:16 a.m., June 17, 1955. Upon
receipt of this [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] This
completed the problem.

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(16) This problem simulates [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

At 12:08 p.m.,

June 17, 1955, the [redacted]
was contacted [redacted] Simulated instructions were
given to the [redacted] and he was instructed to re-
contact the Bureau's [redacted] within
the hour and advise the time he first attempted to recontact
us. At 12:22 p.m., June 17, the [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] had first attempted to make the recontact at 12:19 p.m.,
June 17. Information concerning this case was furnished
to the Liaison Section in order that simulated notification
of [redacted]
[redacted]

This completed the problem.

ACTUAL COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS DURING ALERT

In addition to the simulated problems which were planned and executed during the test period, there were some actual problems and developments of interest and significance to the over-all operation, for example:

1. Microwave radio station

We were able to place this facility in operation on June 15, 1955, from the radio station house and make contact to Liaison Agent Papich at [redacted] before he was able to reach us by land line telephone. Again on June 17, Papich was unable to satisfactorily reach the Bureau by regular telephone and he called in over the microwave radio system to report the [redacted] and advise concerning his expected departure. The excellent clarity of the microwave phone system was not only demonstrated to me*but also to Mr. Mohr and our official ODM Inspector, Mr. William Boleyn, by actual conversations over the system. Mr. Boleyn expressed keen interest in this facility and made complimentary remarks concerning its functioning from the technical standpoint.

* Assistant Director Parsons

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2. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recognizing a possible need to back up
[REDACTED]
assembled from parts on hand sufficient antenna, transmitting, receiving
and teletype equipment to effect a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This equipment was placed in a stand-by
status at the beginning of the June 15 test to be used only if needed.

During the course of the test, some messages at the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] service. [REDACTED] were transmitted by this system
to the receiving point [REDACTED] in a total elapsed time of 11
minutes, thus proving the technical operation of this equipment and
justifying the planning in this connection. This service, of course,
will be available on future test or real alerts.

3. Minor problems observed

As the test period progressed under extended emergency conditions,
various minor problems arose which were changed on the spot to increase the
over-all efficiency of operations, such as a need for extension cords,
minor rearrangement of work space, incoming and outgoing boxes, supplies,
folders, etc. All of these were handled as the problem arose and
notations retained for use on subsequent alerts under test or real
conditions.

Mail service from the Newark and Philadelphia offices to the
relocation center was found to be very good. Physical evidence in
simulated cases was received by airtel from these two offices in less
than 25 hours after teletype request for the submission of same were
dispatched from the relocation center.

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PROBLEMS RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

(1) At 10:30 AM, June 17, 1955, we received a [redacted] the Department of Justice asking whether [redacted] could be made for the Department; whether we could still [redacted] We advised the Department by [redacted] dated June 17, 1955. [redacted] Further, we could [redacted] extent of available facilities in our field offices including known [redacted]

(2) At 11:39 AM, June 17, 1955, we received a [redacted] which advised that at 9:42 AM, June 17, 1955, [redacted] The problem involved an [redacted] [redacted] asked how many Agents could be made available to assist [redacted] [redacted] handled this problem by advising [redacted] consistent with facts and jurisdiction we had adequate personnel to handle the problem and discharge our responsibility. This problem was handled properly by our [redacted]

(3) We received a [redacted] [redacted] at 3:03 PM, June 17, 1955, [redacted] Section. This required asking us to [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] We replied to the [redacted] at 3:20 PM, June 17, 1955, as follows: [redacted] [redacted]

There are attached highlights of [redacted]
[redacted]

HIGHLIGHTS OF TELETYPES RECEIVED OVER CIVIL
DEFENSE TELETYPE MACHINE

Since my memorandum of June 16, 1955, we have received continuing [redacted]

[redacted] The following show the highlights of the messages considered to be of interest to the Bureau. On the left column is the time the individual messages were received by the Bureau:

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- 3:08 p.m. Civil Service ordered curtailment of all appeals to the Commission during the period of disaster and the Commission suspended further consideration of pending appeals.
- 3:40 p.m. The Federal Power Commission ordered owners and operators of electric facilities to operate their production and transmission facilities in a manner to assure that electric energy reaches defense plants and other essential areas.
- 4:03 p.m. [redacted] advised a message had been received from [redacted] from [redacted] conveying sincere appreciation for being able to cooperate as a team with the [redacted]
- 4:11 p.m. [redacted] advised he wished to thank every [redacted] and worker and member of Government agencies who participated in the tests. He said Operation Alert had shown up mistakes and weaknesses which could now be corrected and he was gratified and pleased with the operation.
- 5:06 p.m. [redacted]
- 5:41 p.m. [redacted] announced adoption of emergency appointment system, including new type of appointment called "emergency-indefinite." Such employees could be appointed for the duration of emergency plus 6 months and would not have career or career-conditional appointments.

6:08 p.m. [redacted] authorized the Chairman of the [redacted] to continue licensing certain radio stations on an interim basis subject to existing laws and orders.

6:25 p.m. [redacted] advised there would be [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Also, that numerous [redacted] would be neutralized
[redacted]

6:42 p.m. The [redacted] requested authority of [redacted] to requisition [redacted] from commercial or other sources to [redacted]

7:06 p.m. [redacted] announced the [redacted]
[redacted]
and carried a simulated proclamation of a [redacted]
[redacted]

11:30 p.m. [redacted] had signed a proclamation declaring [redacted]
[redacted]

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4:00 a.m. The [redacted] an

4:18 a.m. [redacted]

to take such steps as necessary to administer such a program and to establish appropriate organizations for that purpose as quickly as possible. [redacted] also stated he would ask [redacted]

1:35 p.m. [redacted]

changes should be made in [redacted] schedules without prior approval of the [redacted] [redacted] Also, agencies with authority to change [redacted] should not exercise this authority without prior [redacted] approval. Otherwise, agencies will continue to operate under [redacted]

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: June 28, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1955

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

By memorandum June 14, 1955, entitled as above, I attached a Photostat of the problems furnished by the [redacted] for the various divisions and agencies of the Department, except the FBI. The Director noted "Be certain to analyze these problems carefully in so far as any affect or involve the FBI & make certain that procedures are correct as pertain to us. H."

Referral/Consult

ACTION:

That Liaison appropriately advise [redacted] that while the FBI has a definite interest in a situation such as is described in problem IX above, we do not [redacted]

- JEM:saw (7)
 1 - Mr. Boardman
 1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. Nichols
 1 - Mr. Daunt
 1 - Lia. Sect. Tick.

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Security Officer, advised
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